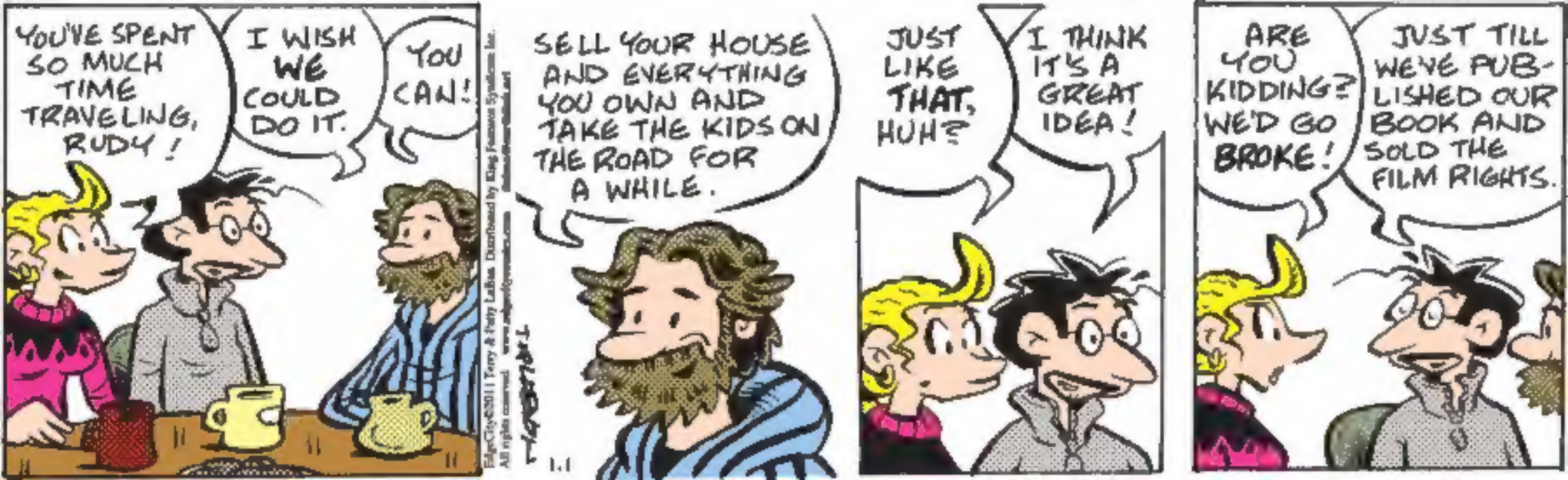
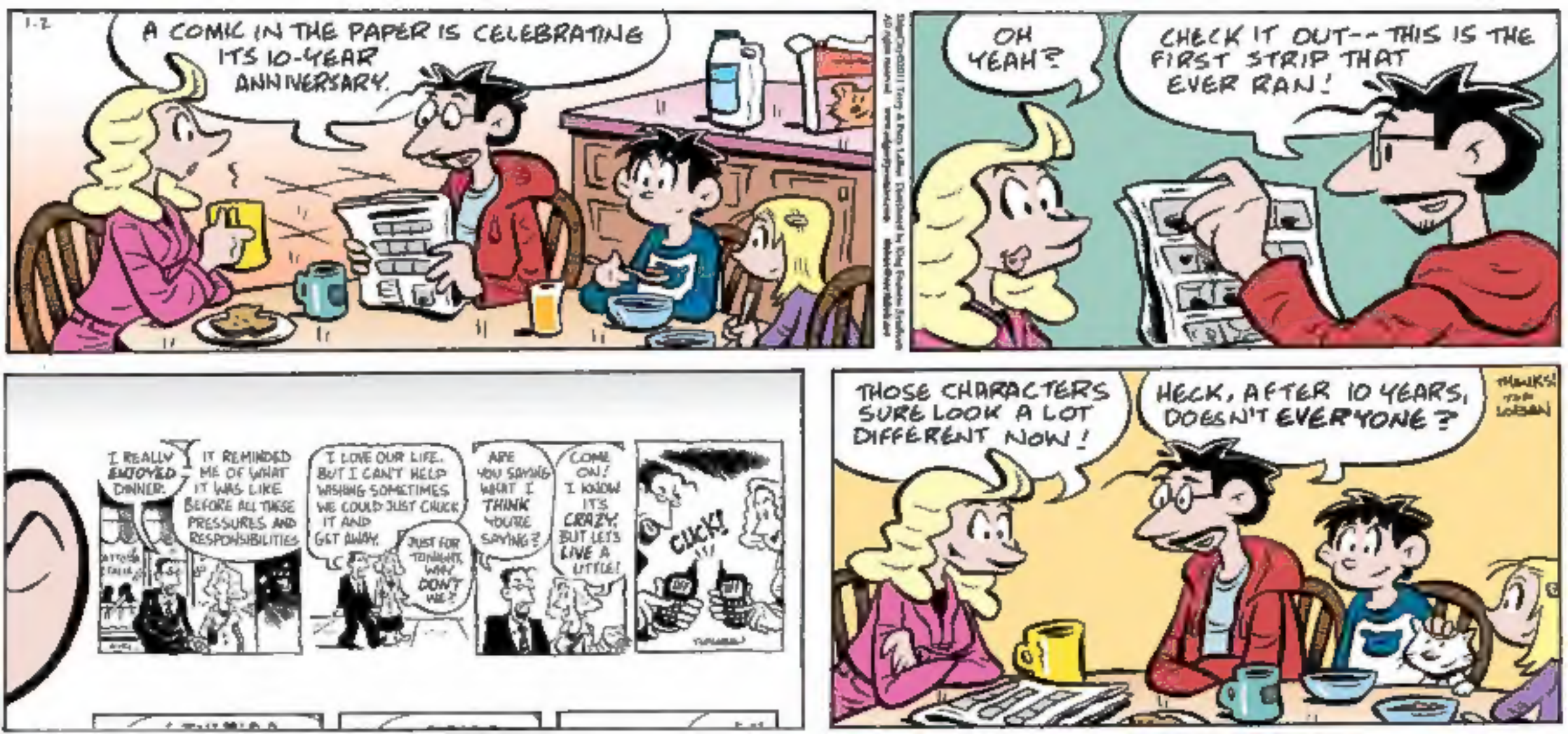
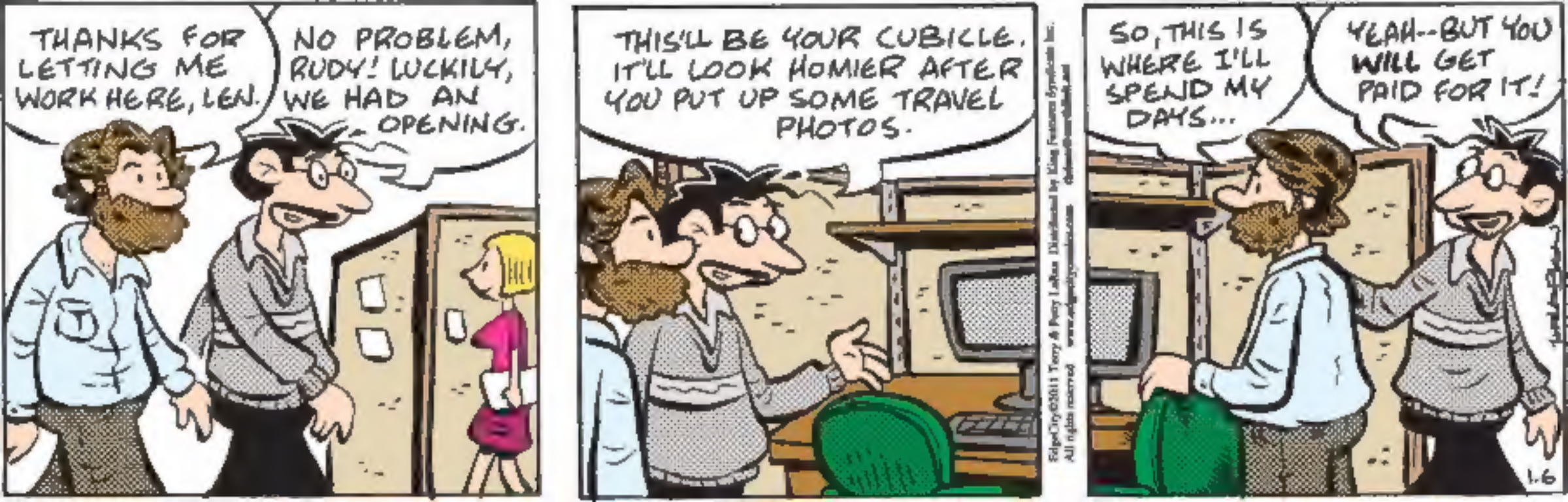

YOU'VE SPENT SO MUCH TIME TRAVELING, RUDY!
I WISH WE COULD DO IT.
YOU CAN!
SELL YOUR HOUSE AND EVERYTHING YOU OWN AND TAKE THE KIDS ON THE ROAD FOR A WHILE.
JUST LIKE THAT, HUH?
I THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA!
ARE YOU KIDDING? WE'D GO BROKE!
JUST TILL WE'VE PUBLISHED OUR BOOK AND SOLD THE FILM RIGHTS.


1-2
A COMIC IN THE PAPER IS CELEBRATING ITS 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY.
OH YEAH?
CHECK IT OUT--THIS IS THE FIRST STRIP THAT EVER RAN!
I REALLY ENJOYED DINNER.
IT REMINDED ME OF WHAT IT WAS LIKE BEFORE ALL THESE PRESSURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
I LOVE OUR LIFE. BUT I CAN'T HELP WISHING SOMETIMES WE COULD JUST CHUCK IT AND GET AWAY.
JUST FOR TONIGHT, WHY DON'T WE?
ARE YOU SAYING WHAT I THINK YOU'RE SAYING?
COME ON! I KNOW IT'S CRAZY, BUT LET'S LIVE A LITTLE!
CLICK!
THOSE CHARACTERS SURE LOOK A LOT DIFFERENT NOW!
HECK, AFTER 10 YEARS, DOESN'T EVERYONE?
THANKS TO LORIAN

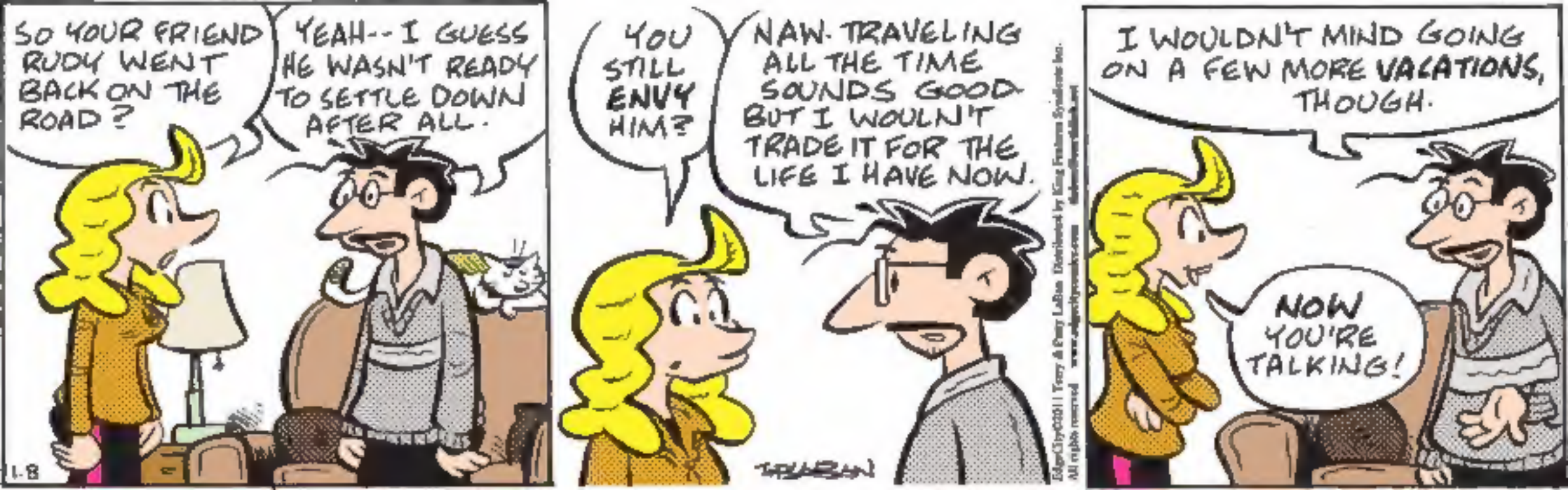

I ENVY YOU, RUDY... SPENDING YOUR LIFE TRAVELING THE WORLD.
YOU SHOULDN'T, LEN.
IT'S BEEN FUN- BUT WHAT HAVE I REALLY ACCOMPLISHED?
YOU'VE BUILT A BUSINESS AND A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY! I ENVY YOU!
STOP TEASING.
IT'S TRUE!
1-3
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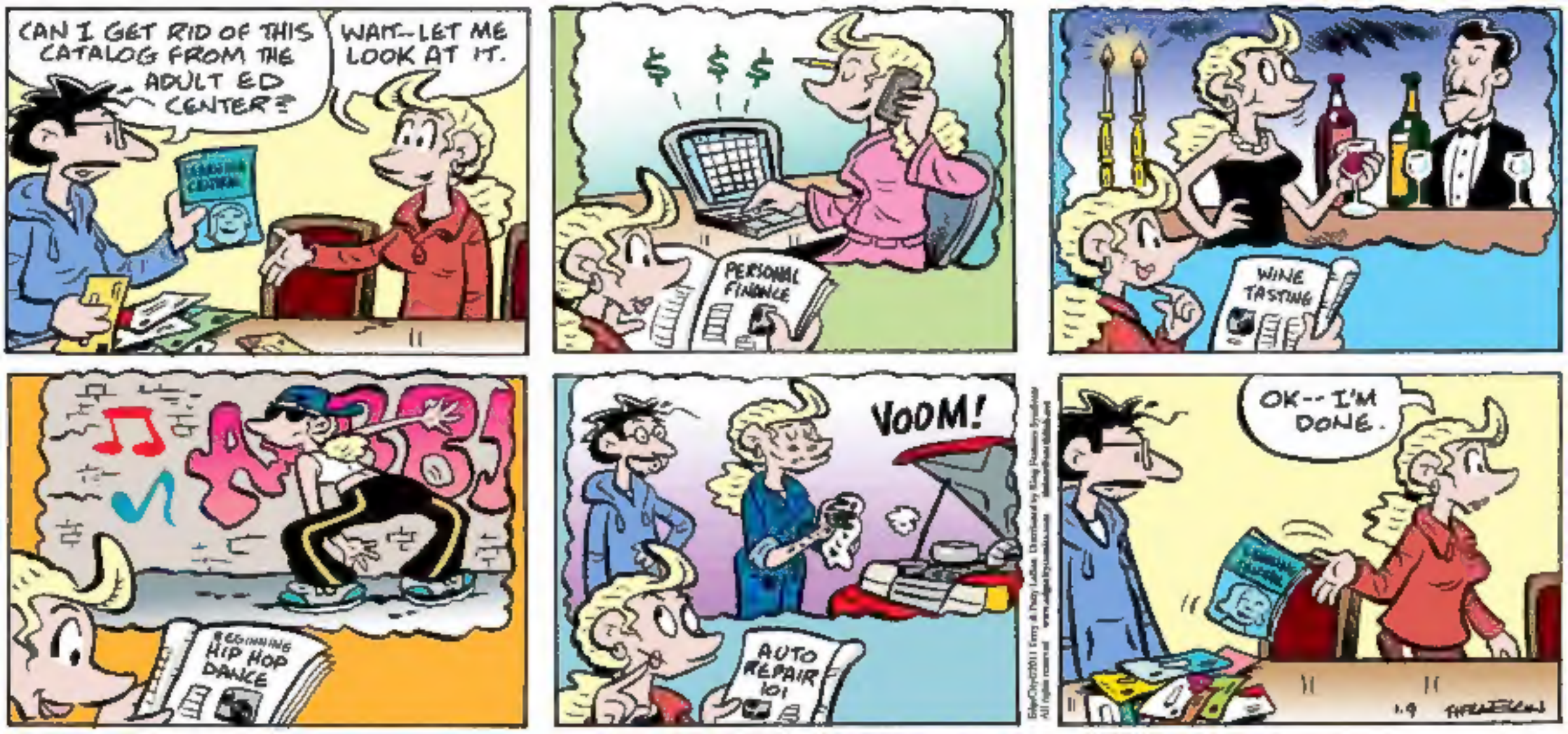

Y'KNOW, LEN... I'VE BEEN TRAVELING MY WHOLE ADULT LIFE, AND I'M NOT GETTING ANY YOUNGER.
MAYBE IT'S TIME TO SETTLE DOWN... SINK SOME ROOTS.
MAY-BE SO.
IF YOU NEED ANY THING, JUST LET ME KNOW!
HOW 'BOUT A JOB?

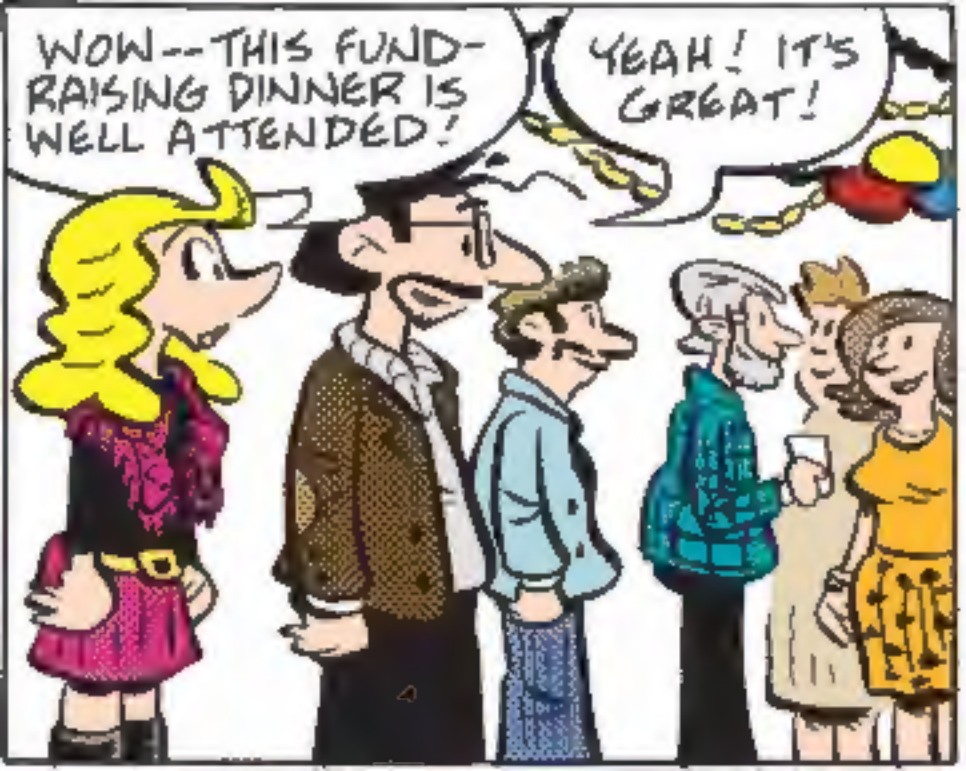

YOU WANT ME TO GIVE YOU A JOB, RUDY?
IT'D BE A HUGE HELP, LEN. I'D LIKE TO SETTLE DOWN.
WELL... WHAT CAN YOU DO?
ALL THOSE YEARS TRAVELING HAVE TAUGHT ME LOTS OF SKILLS.
I CAN MAKE EARRINGS... BUILD A THATCHED HUT... MAKE A FAN BELT OUT OF A SANDAL STRAP...
1.5
ALSO, I CAN TYPE.
HMM... I THINK WE CAN USE YOU.
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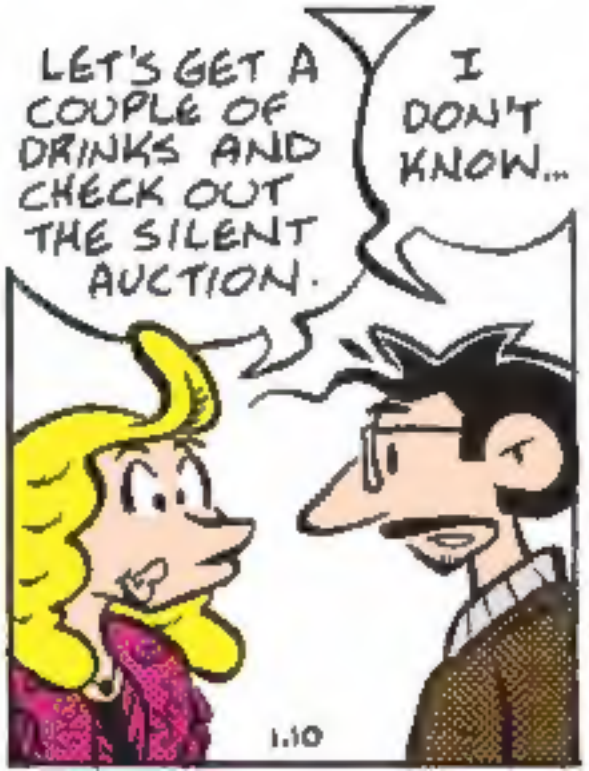

THANKS FOR LETTING ME WORK HERE, LEN.
NO PROBLEM, RUDY! LUCKILY, WE HAD AN OPENING.
HELLO
THIS'LL BE YOUR CUBICLE. IT'LL LOOK HOMIER AFTER YOU PUT UP SOME TRAVEL PHOTOS.
SO, THIS IS WHERE I'LL SPEND MY DAYS...
YEAH--BUT YOU WILL GET PAID FOR IT!
1-6


HOW'S YOUR TRAVELER FRIEND DOING?
RUDY? HE'S ADJUSTING.
WORKING IN AN OFFICE IS A BIG CHANGE FROM A LIFE OF TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE.
I HOPE HE CAN DEAL.
HE'LL BE FINE. HE JUST NEEDS SOME TIME.
LEN, THAT GUY YOU JUST HIRED QUIT. SAID HE COULDN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!
HE WAS ONLY HERE AN HOUR!
1.7

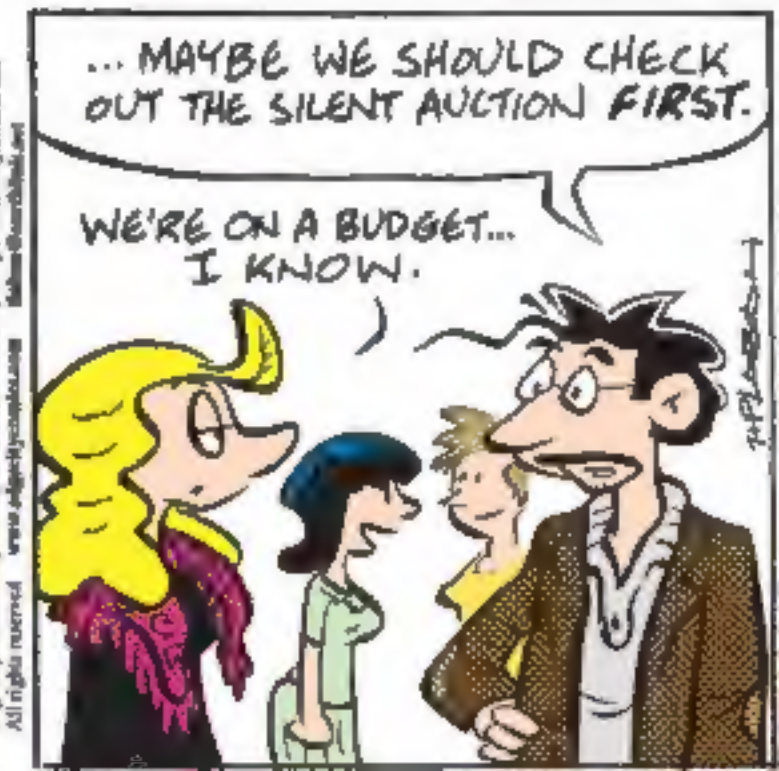

SO YOUR FRIEND RUDY WENT BACK ON THE ROAD?
YEAH--I GUESS HE WASN'T READY TO SETTLE DOWN AFTER ALL.
1-8
YOU STILL ENVY HIM?
NAW. TRAVELING ALL THE TIME SOUNDS GOOD BUT I WOULN'T TRADE IT FOR THE LIFE I HAVE NOW.
I WOULDN'T MIND GOING ON A FEW MORE VACATIONS, THOUGH.
NOW YOU'RE TALKING!
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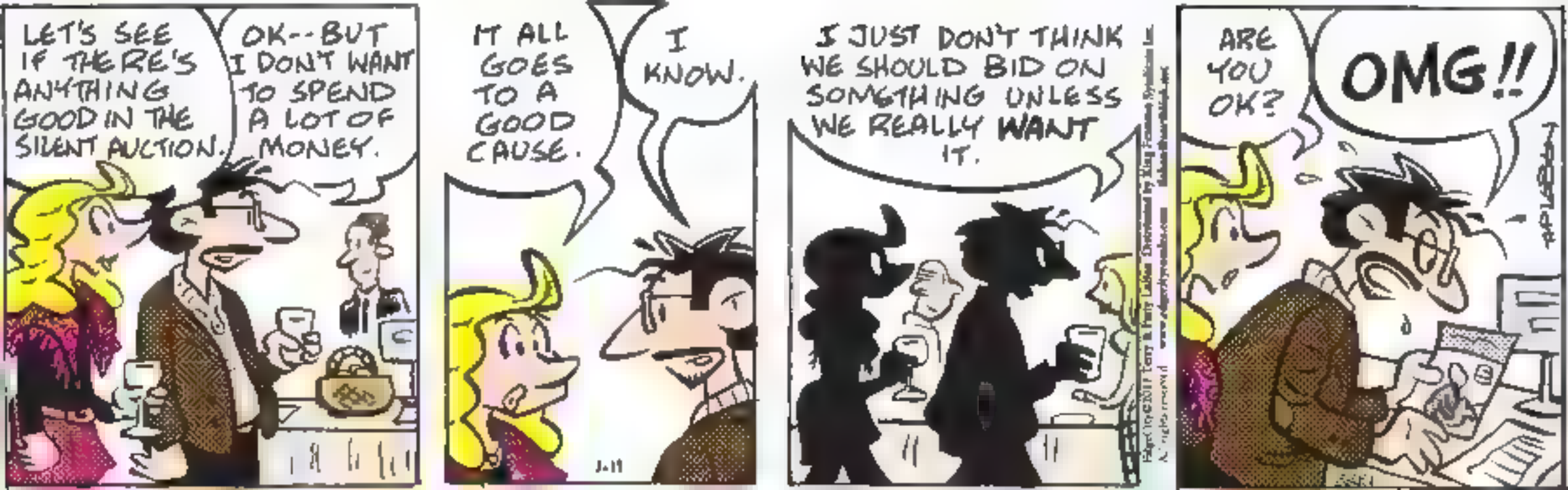

CAN I GET RID OF THIS CATALOG FROM THE ADULT ED CENTER?
WAIT--LET ME LOOK AT IT.
$ $ $
PERSONAL FINANCE
WINE TASTING
BEGINNING HIP HOP DANCE
VOOM!
AUTO REPAIR 101
OK--I'M DONE.

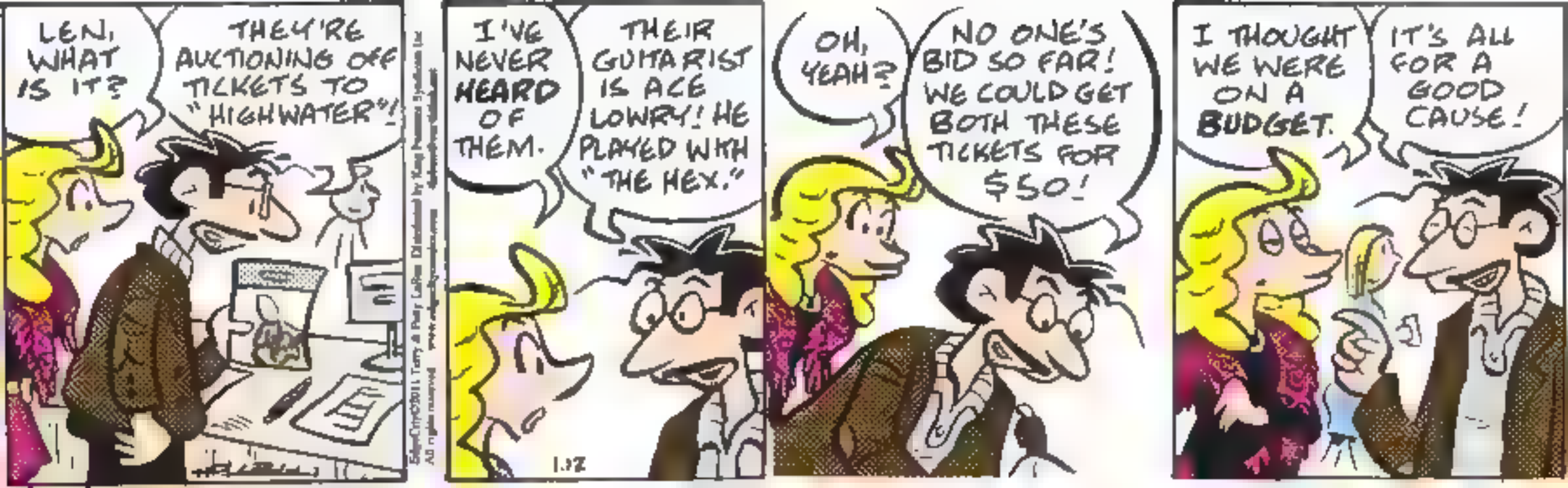


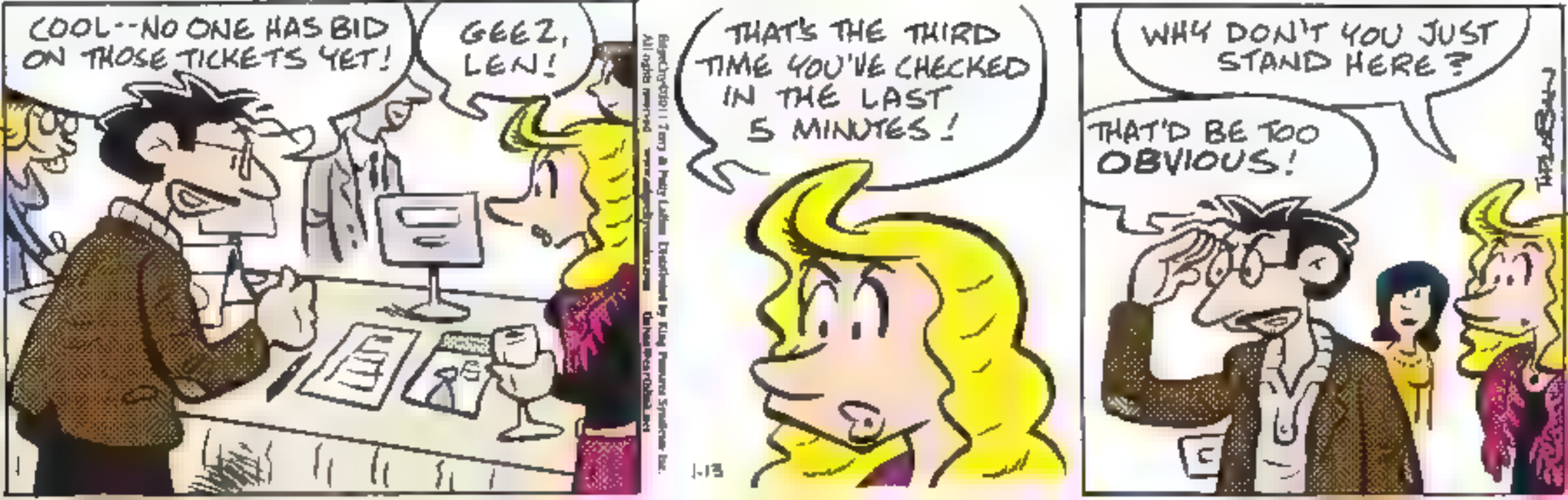


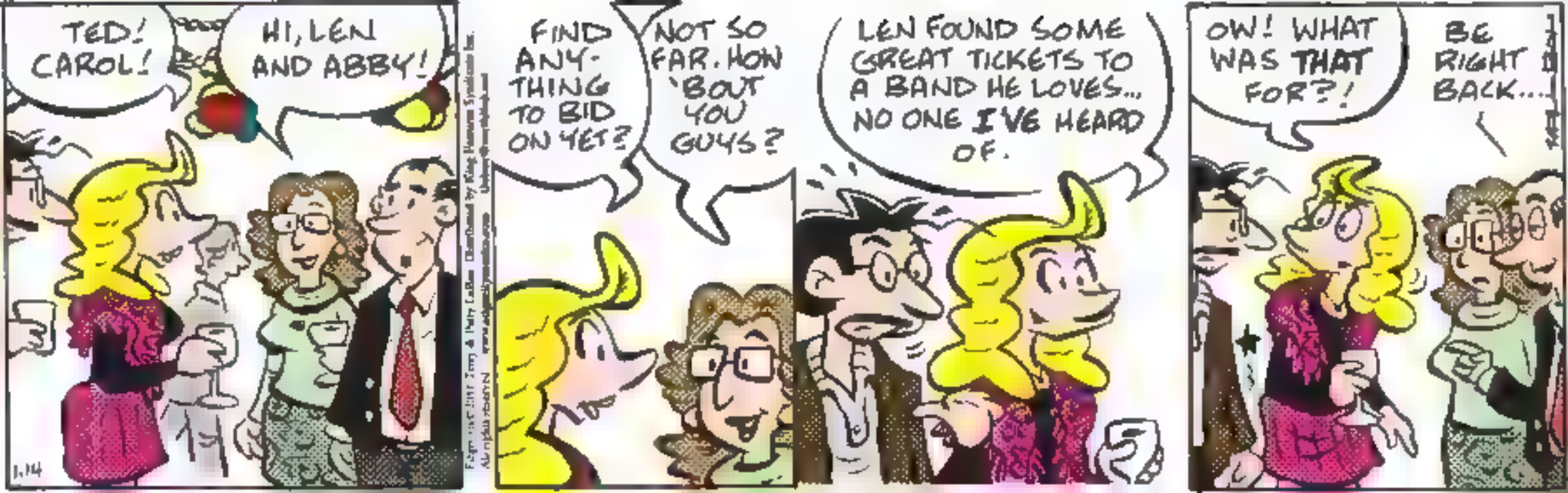
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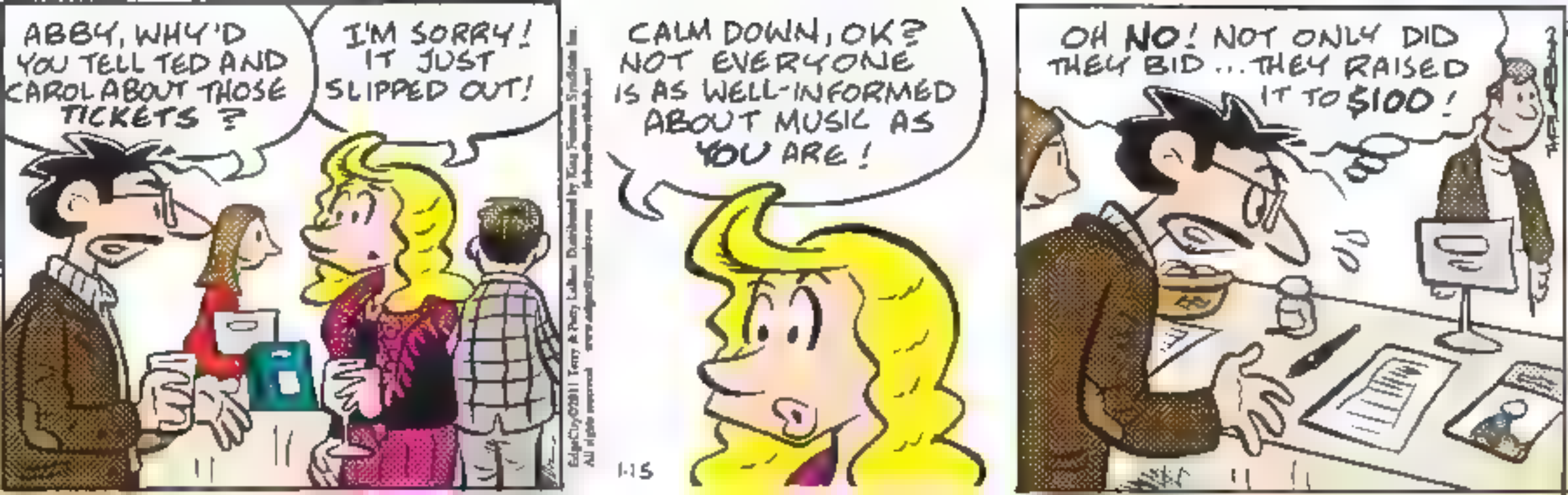


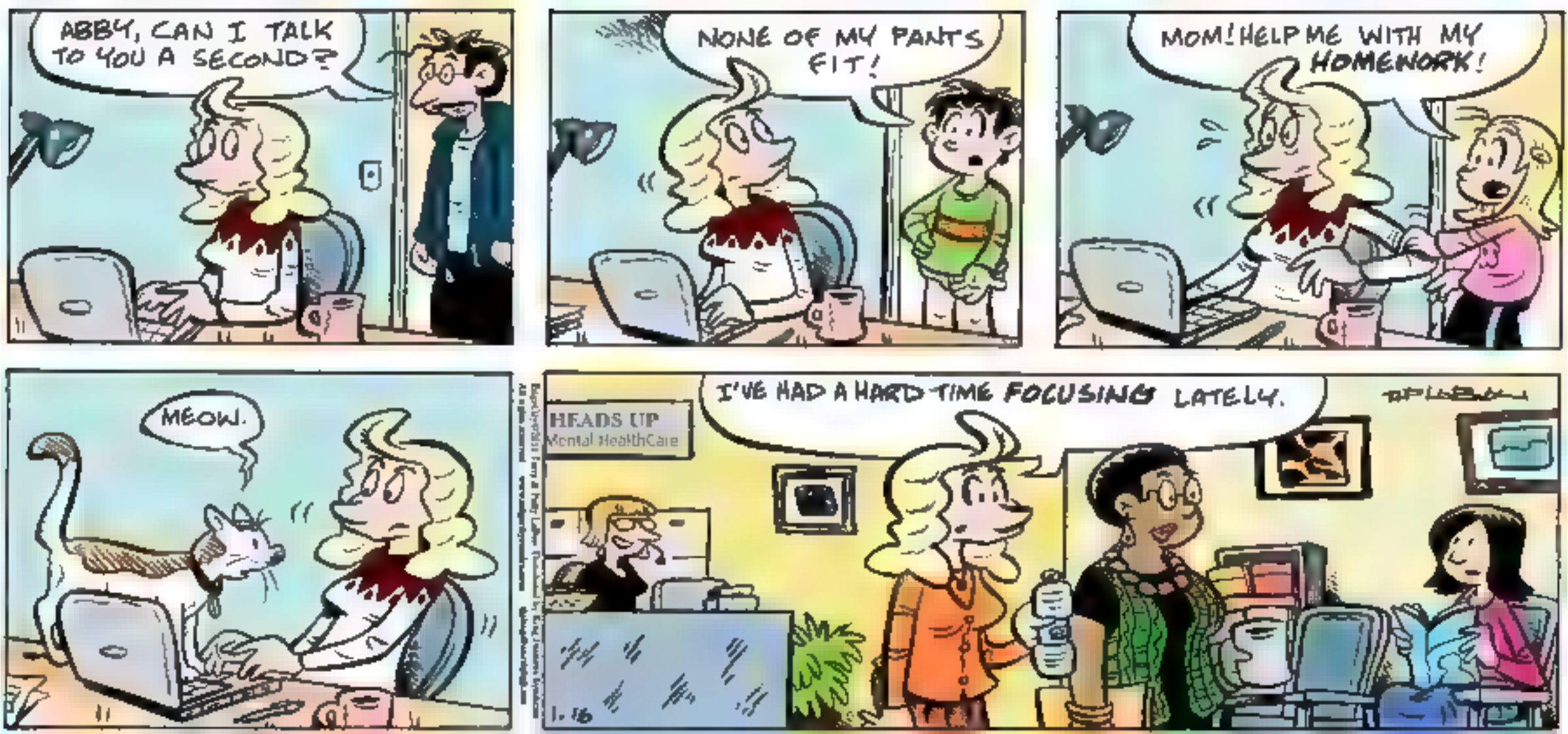

LET'S SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING GOOD IN THE SILENT AUCTION.
OK--BUT I DON'T WANT TO SPEND A LOT OF MONEY.
IT ALL GOES TO A GOOD CAUSE.
I KNOW.
I JUST DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BID ON SOMETHING UNLESS WE REALLY WANT IT.
ARE YOU OK?
OMG!!

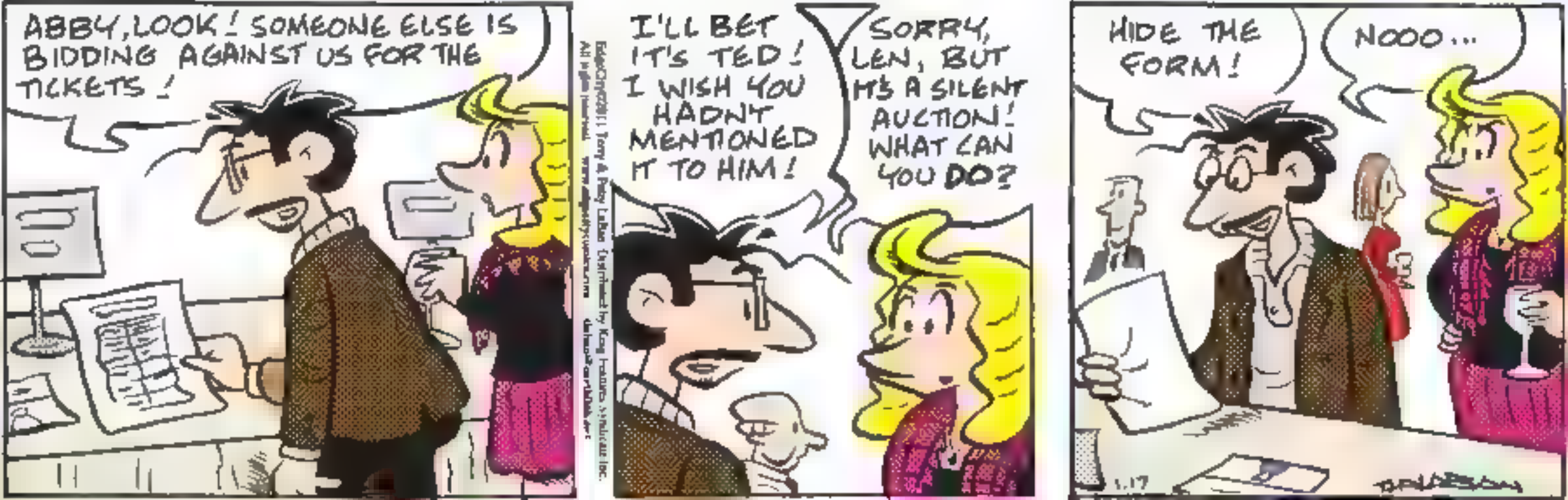

LEN, WHAT IS IT?
THEY'RE AUCTIONING OFF TICKETS TO "HIGHWATER"!
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THEM.
THEIR GUITARIST IS ACE LOWRY! HE PLAYED WITH "THE HEX."
OH, YEAH?
NO ONE'S BID SO FAR! WE COULD GET BOTH THESE TICKETS FOR $50!
I THOUGHT WE WERE ON A BUDGET.
IT'S ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

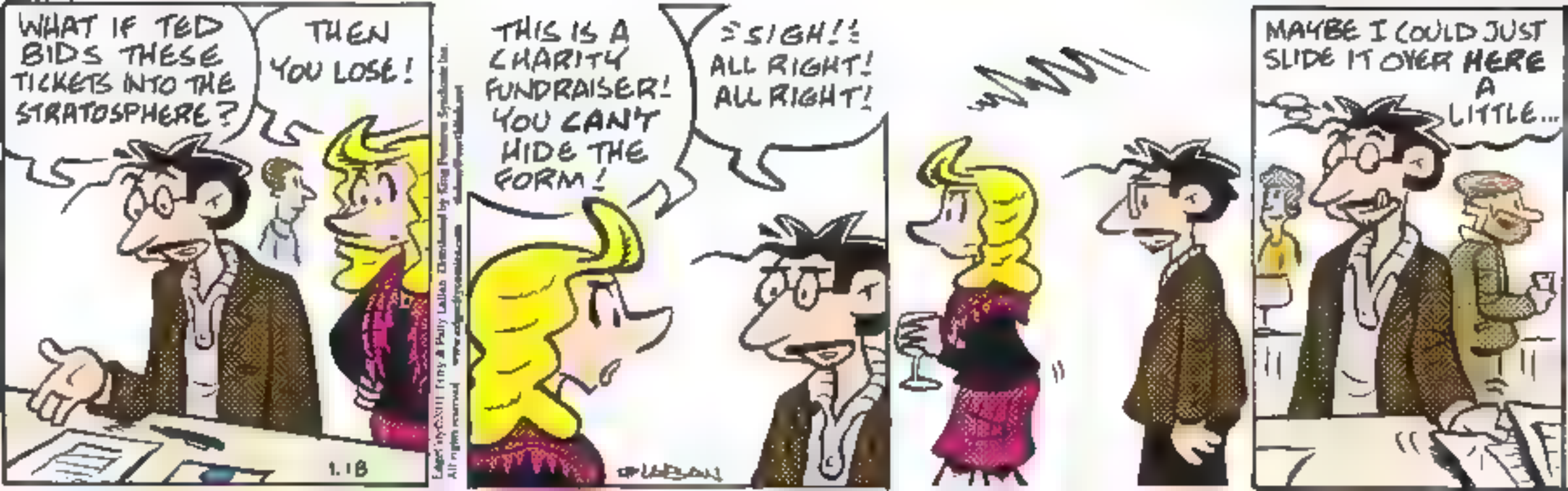

COOL--NO ONE HAS BID ON THOSE TICKETS YET!
GEEZ, LEN!
THAT'S THE THIRD TIME YOU'VE CHECKED IN THE LAST 5 MINUTES!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST STAND HERE?
THAT'D BE TOO OBVIOUS!

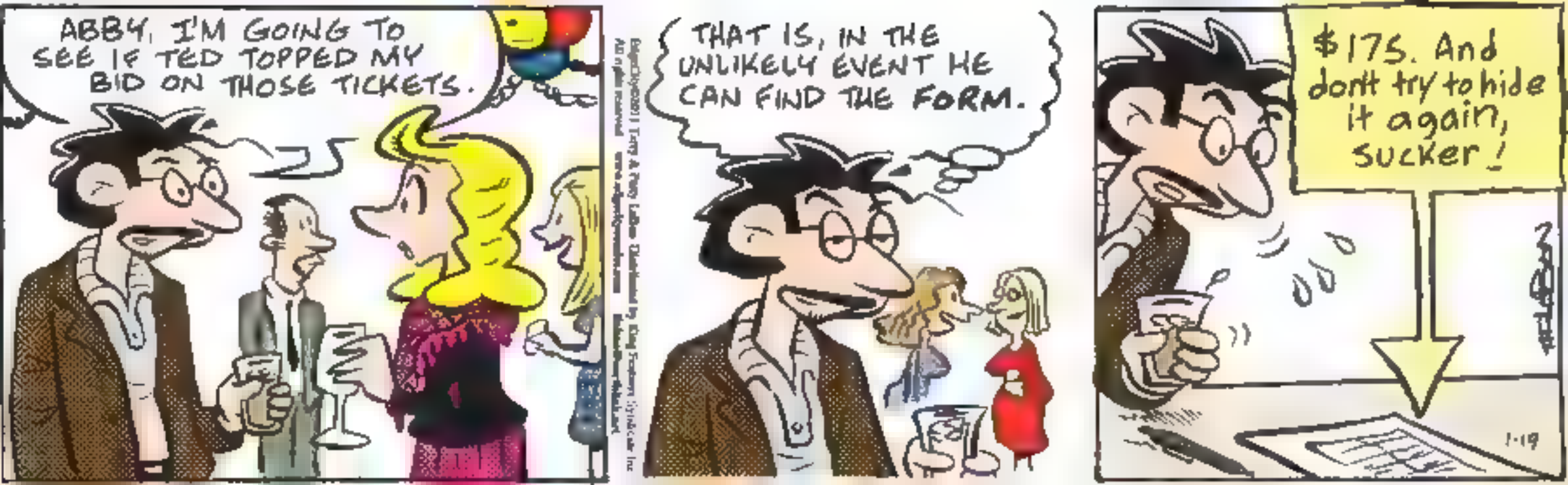

TED! CAROL!
HI, LEN AND ABBY!
1.14
FIND ANY-THING TO BID ON YET?
NOT SO FAR. HOW 'BOUT YOU GUYS?
LEN FOUND SOME GREAT TICKETS TO A BAND HE LOVES... NO ONE I'VE HEARD OF.
OW! WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!
BE RIGHT BACK...

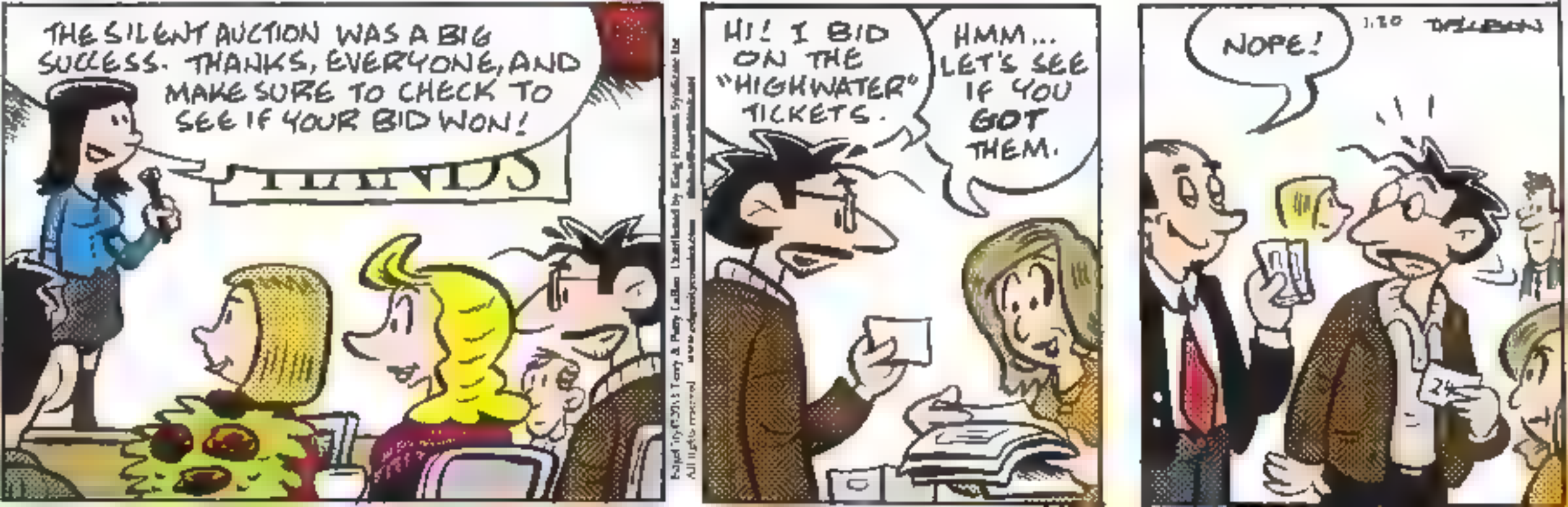

ABBY, WHY'D YOU TELL TED AND CAROL ABOUT THOSE TICKETS?
I'M SORRY! IT JUST SLIPPED OUT!
CALM DOWN, OK? NOT EVERYONE IS AS WELL-INFORMED ABOUT MUSIC AS YOU ARE!
OH NO! NOT ONLY DID THEY BID ... THEY RAISED IT TO $100!
1-15

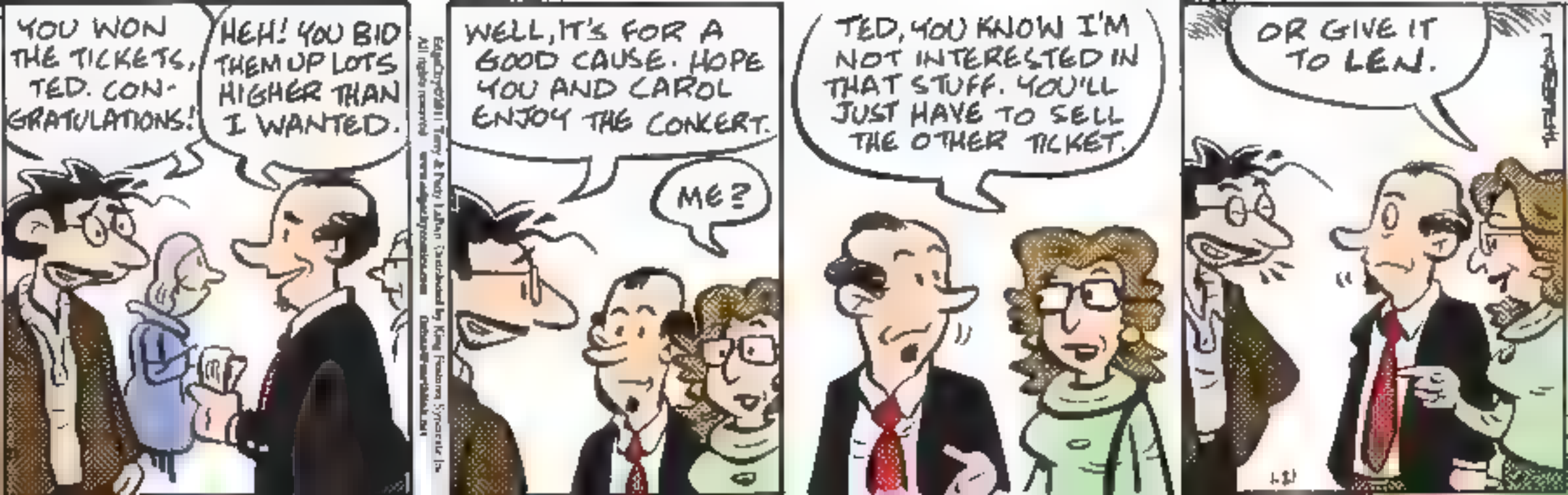

ABBY, CAN I TALK TO YOU A SECOND?
NONE OF MY PANTS FIT!
MOM! HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK!
MEOW.
I'VE HAD A HARD TIME FOCUSING LATELY.
HEADS UP
Mental HealthCare
1.16


ABBY, LOOK! SOMEONE ELSE IS BIDDING AGAINST US FOR THE TICKETS!
I'LL BET IT'S TED! I WISH YOU HADN'T MENTIONED IT TO HIM!
SORRY, LEN, BUT IT'S A SILENT AUCTION! WHAT CAN YOU DO?
HIDE THE FORM!
NOOO...

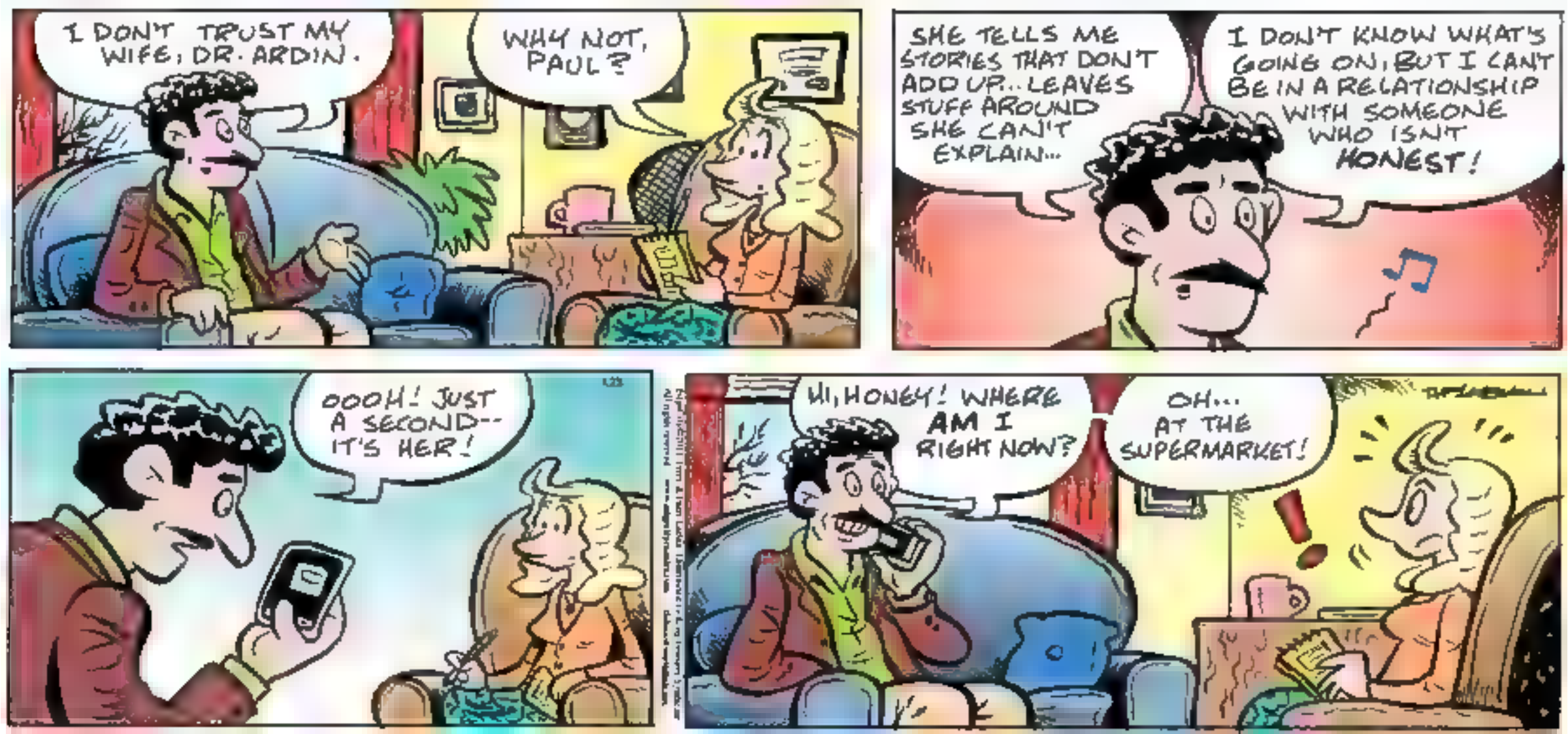

WHAT IF TED BIDS THESE TICKETS INTO THE STRATOSPHERE?
THEN YOU LOSE!
1.18
THIS IS A CHARITY FUNDRAISER! YOU CAN'T HIDE THE FORM!
=SIGH!= ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT!
MAYBE I COULD JUST SLIDE IT OVER HERE A LITTLE...

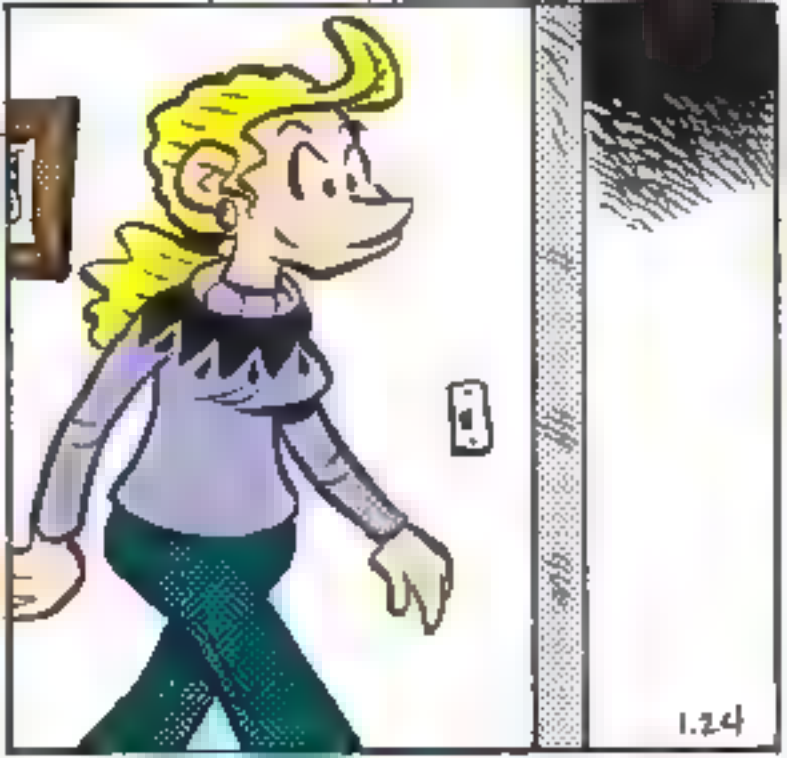

ABBY, I'M GOING TO SEE IF TED TOPPED MY BID ON THOSE TICKETS.
THAT IS, IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT HE CAN FIND THE FORM.
$175. And don't try to hide it again, sucker!
1-19

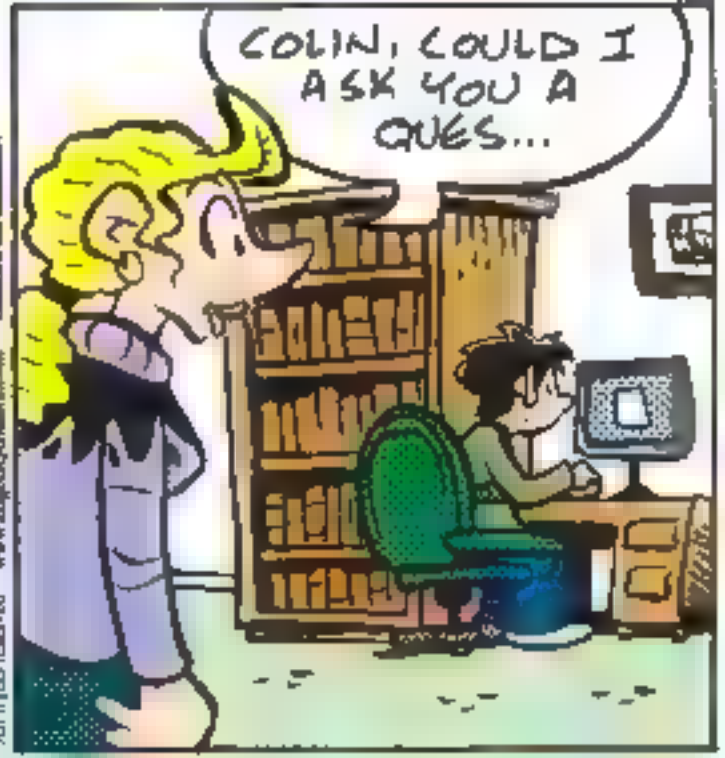

THE SILENT AUCTION WAS A BIG SUCCESS. THANKS, EVERYONE, AND MAKE SURE TO CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR BID WON!
THANKS
HI! I BID ON THE "HIGHWATER" TICKETS.
HMM... LET'S SEE IF YOU GOT THEM.
NOPE!


YOU WON THE TICKETS, TED. CONGRATULATIONS!
HEH! YOU BID THEM UP LOTS HIGHER THAN I WANTED.
WELL, IT'S FOR A GOOD CAUSE. HOPE YOU AND CAROL ENJOY THE CONCERT.
ME?
TED, YOU KNOW I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THAT STUFF. YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO SELL THE OTHER TICKET.
OR GIVE IT TO LEN.
LEN

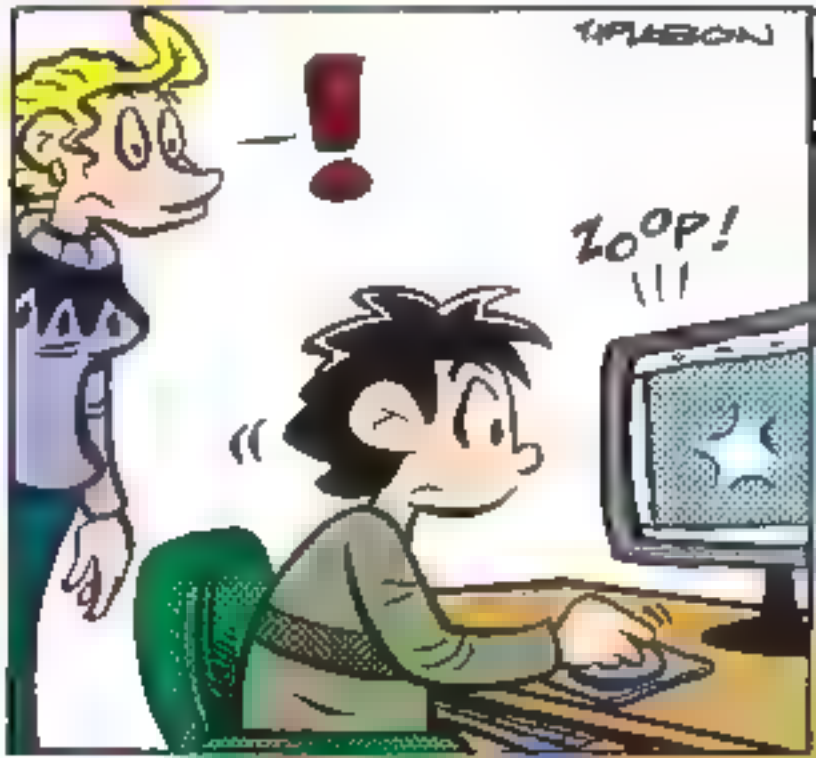

THANKS FOR TAKING ME TO THE CONCERT, TED.
NO PROBLEM, LEN--I HAD AN EXTRA TICKET.
IF WE'D KNOWN WE WERE GOING TOGETHER, WE WOULDN'T HAVE BID IT UP SO HIGH!
OH, WELL... IT ALL WENT TO CHARITY.
1.22
SURE YOU DON'T WANT ME TO PAY FOR MY TICKET?
NAW. GIVEN THE PRICES OF STUFF HERE...
...IF YOU BUY ME A FEW BEERS AND A T-SHIRT, WE'LL BE EVEN!
EAR 910

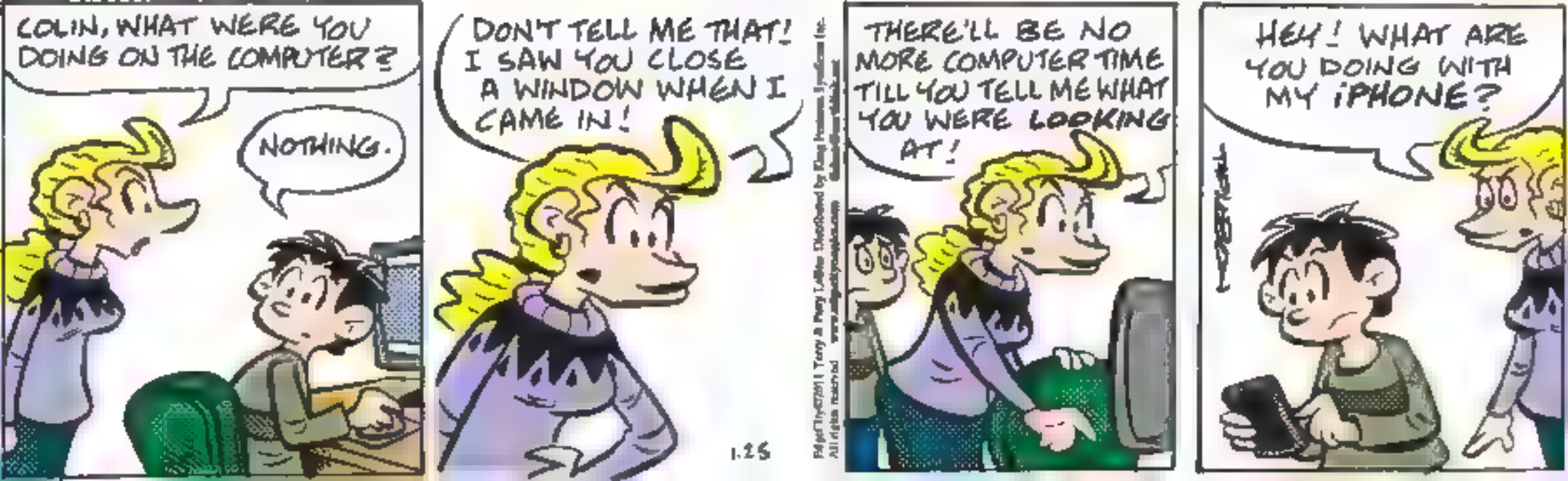

I DON'T TRUST MY WIFE, DR. ARDIN.
WHY NOT, PAUL?
SHE TELLS ME STORIES THAT DON'T ADD UP.. LEAVES STUFF AROUND SHE CAN'T EXPLAIN...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT I CAN'T BE IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH SOMEONE WHO ISN'T HONEST!
OOOH! JUST A SECOND-- IT'S HER!
HI, HONEY! WHERE AM I RIGHT NOW?
OH... AT THE SUPERMARKET!

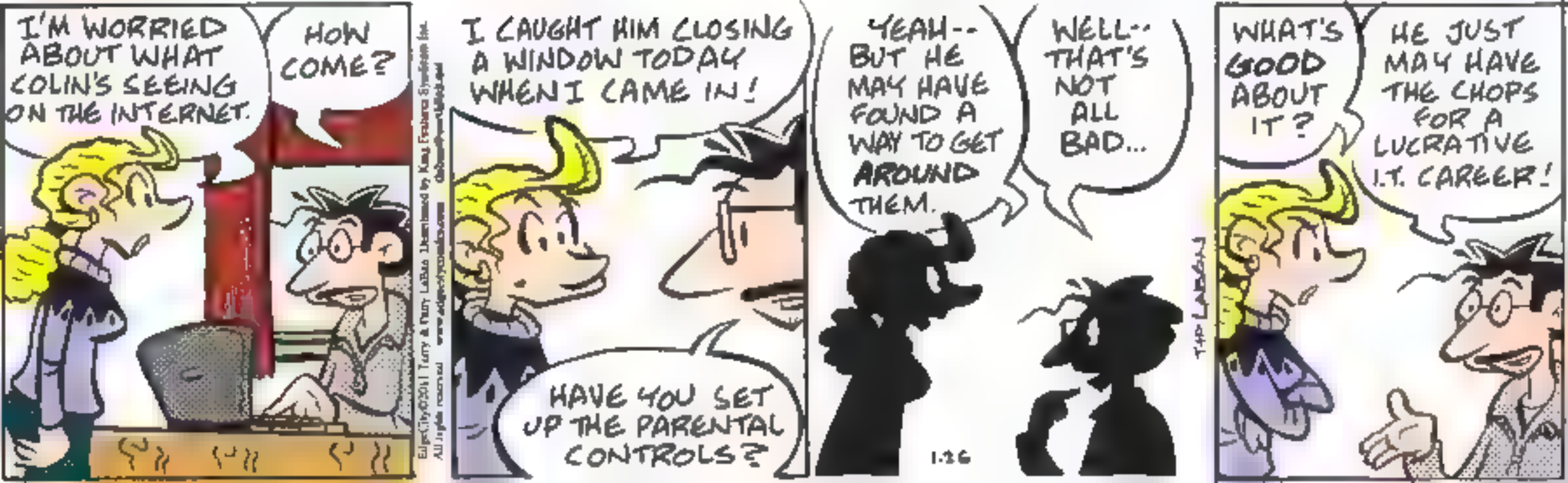


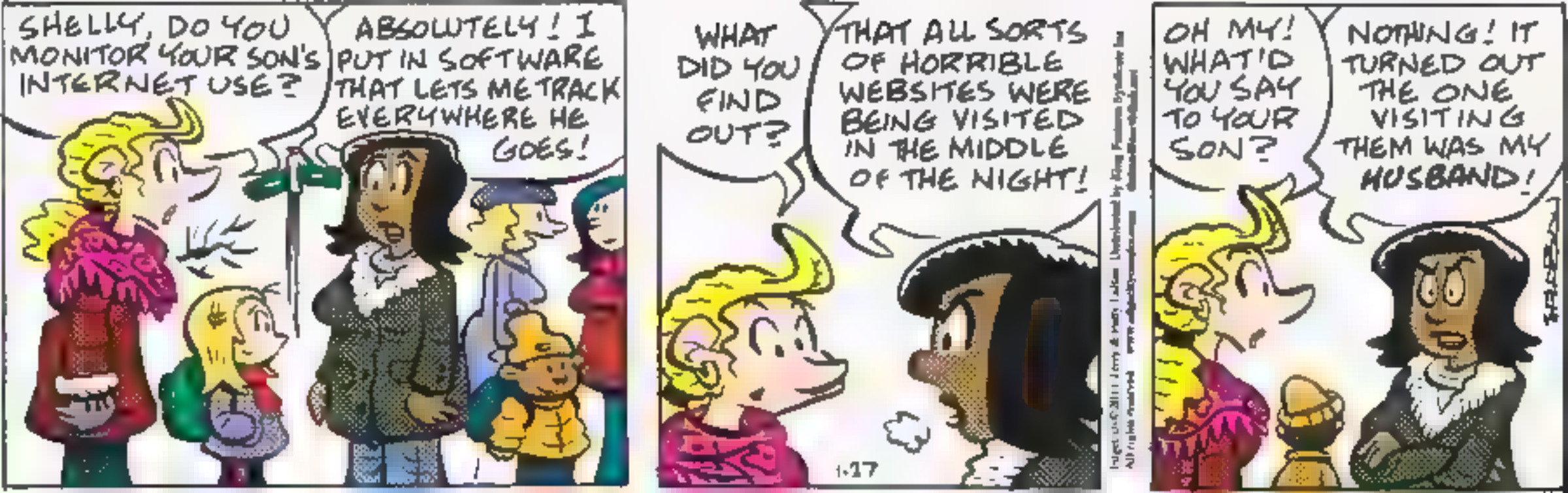


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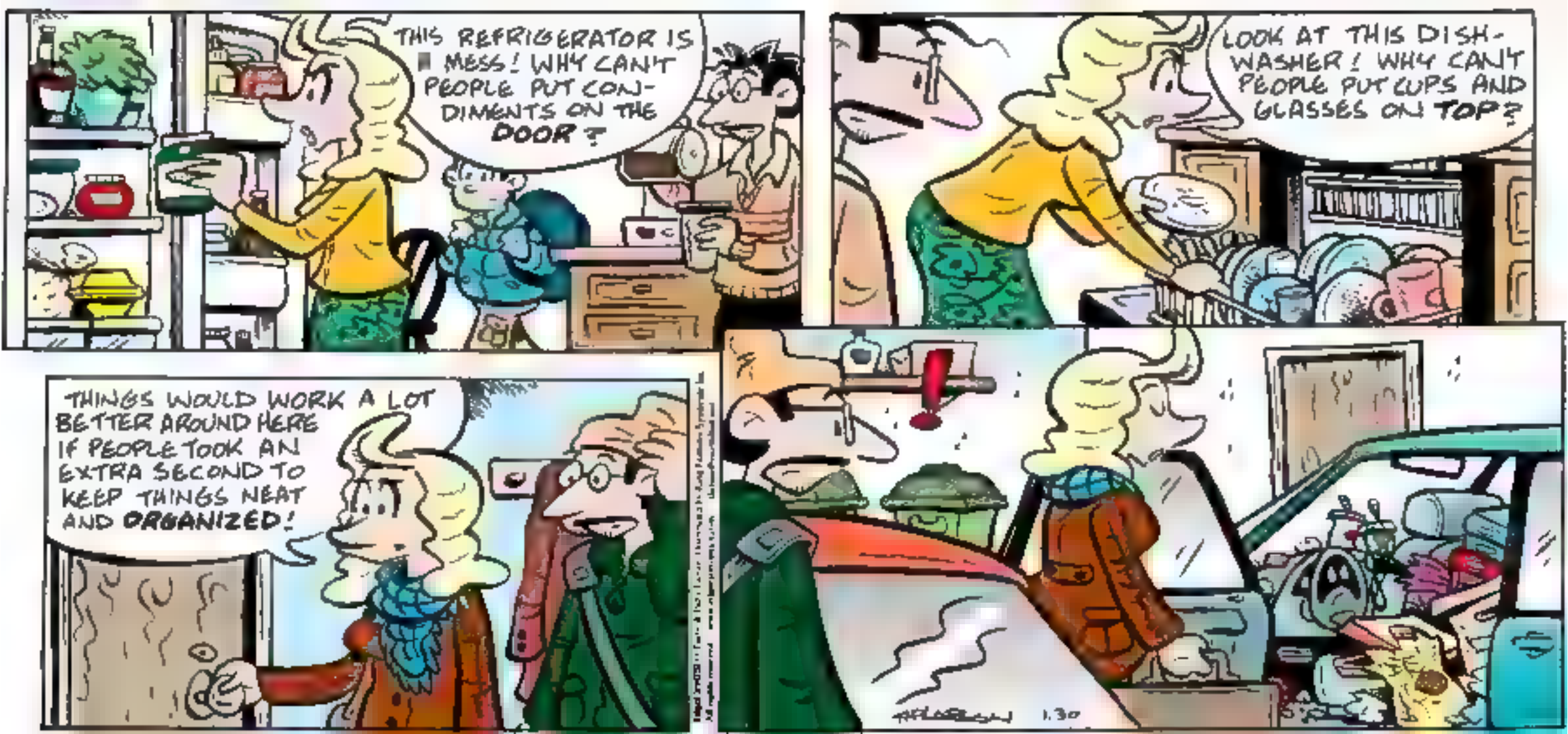

COLIN, WHAT WERE YOU DOING ON THE COMPUTER?
NOTHING.
DON'T TELL ME THAT! I SAW YOU CLOSE A WINDOW WHEN I CAME IN!
1.25
THERE'LL BE NO MORE COMPUTER TIME TILL YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING AT!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY iPHONE?

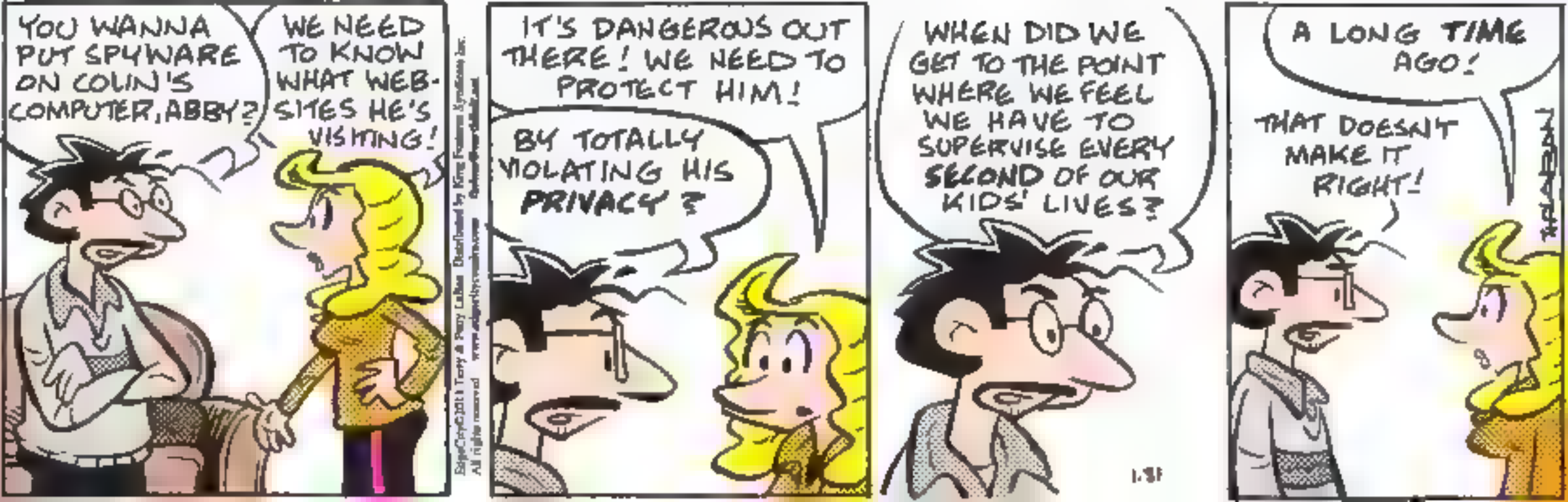

I'M WORRIED ABOUT WHAT COLIN'S SEEING ON THE INTERNET.
HOW COME?
I CAUGHT HIM CLOSING A WINDOW TODAY WHEN I CAME IN!
HAVE YOU SET UP THE PARENTAL CONTROLS?
YEAH-- BUT HE MAY HAVE FOUND A WAY TO GET AROUND THEM.
WELL-- THAT'S NOT ALL BAD...
1.26
WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT IT?
HE JUST MAY HAVE THE CHOPS FOR A LUCRATIVE I.T. CAREER!
TAD LARSON

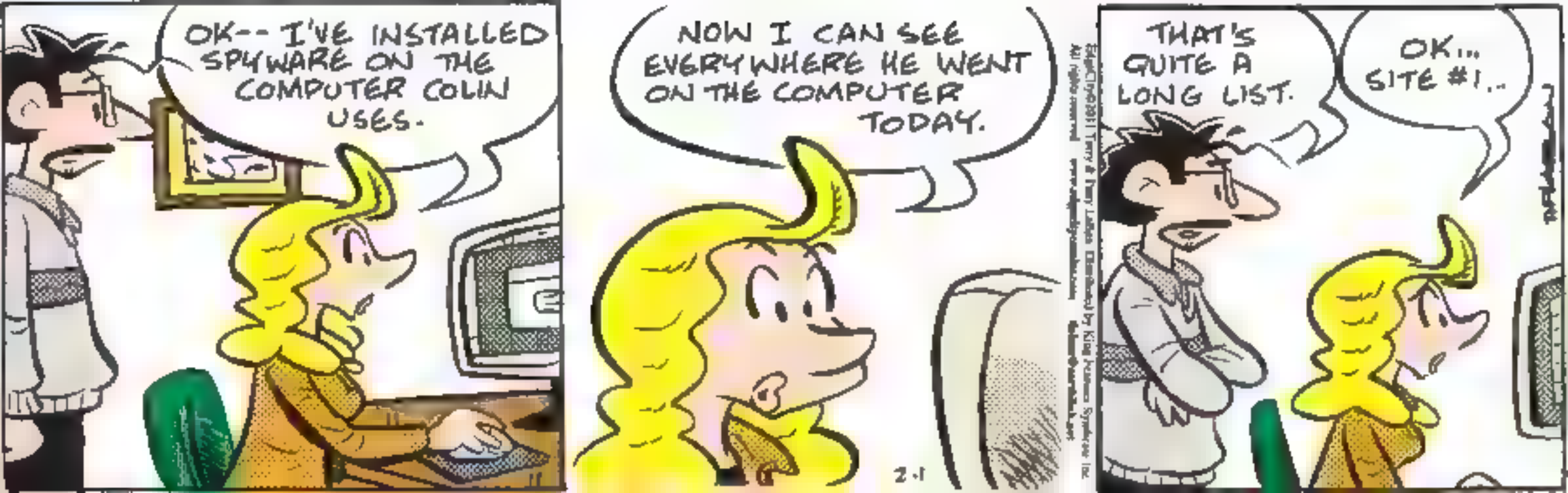

SHELLY, DO YOU MONITOR YOUR SON'S INTERNET USE?
ABSOLUTELY! I PUT IN SOFTWARE THAT LETS ME TRACK EVERYWHERE HE GOES!
WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT?
THAT ALL SORTS OF HORRIBLE WEBSITES WERE BEING VISITED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!
1-17
OH MY! WHAT'D YOU SAY TO YOUR SON?
NOTHING! IT TURNED OUT THE ONE VISITING THEM WAS MY HUSBAND!


LINDA, DO YOU MONITOR YOUR KID'S INTERNET USE?
OH NO, ABBY! I'D NEVER DO THAT!
I RESPECT OWEN'S PRIVACY. HE NEEDS TO FEEL FREE TO EXPLORE THE WORLD ON HIS OWN.
I THINK WE'RE A BIT TOO OBSESSED WITH SAFETY THESE DAYS.
MOM, THE GUY I'VE BEEN CHATTING WITH ONLINE WANTS TO MEET ME AT THE MALL!
1.28

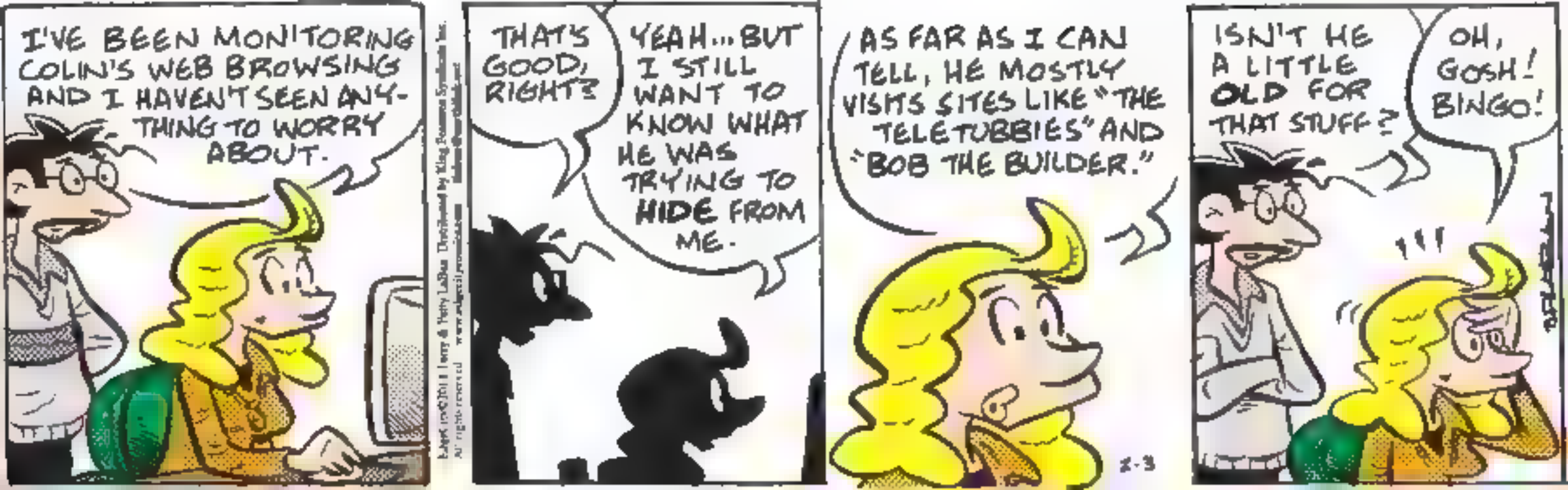

MAYBE I SHOULD INSTALL SPYWARE ON THIS COMPUTER. THEN I CAN SEE WHAT SITES COLIN VISITS WITHOUT HIM KNOWING ABOUT IT.
THOUGH I STILL HAVE MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT MONITORING WHERE COLIN GOES ON THE INTERNET.
1-24
BECAUSE YOU FEEL BAD ABOUT INVADING HIS PRIVACY?
BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO KNOW.


THIS REFRIGERATOR IS A MESS! WHY CAN'T PEOPLE PUT CONDIMENTS ON THE DOOR?
LOOK AT THIS DISHWASHER! WHY CAN'T PEOPLE PUT CUPS AND GLASSES ON TOP?
THINGS WOULD WORK A LOT BETTER AROUND HERE IF PEOPLE TOOK AN EXTRA SECOND TO KEEP THINGS NEAT AND ORGANIZED!
1.30

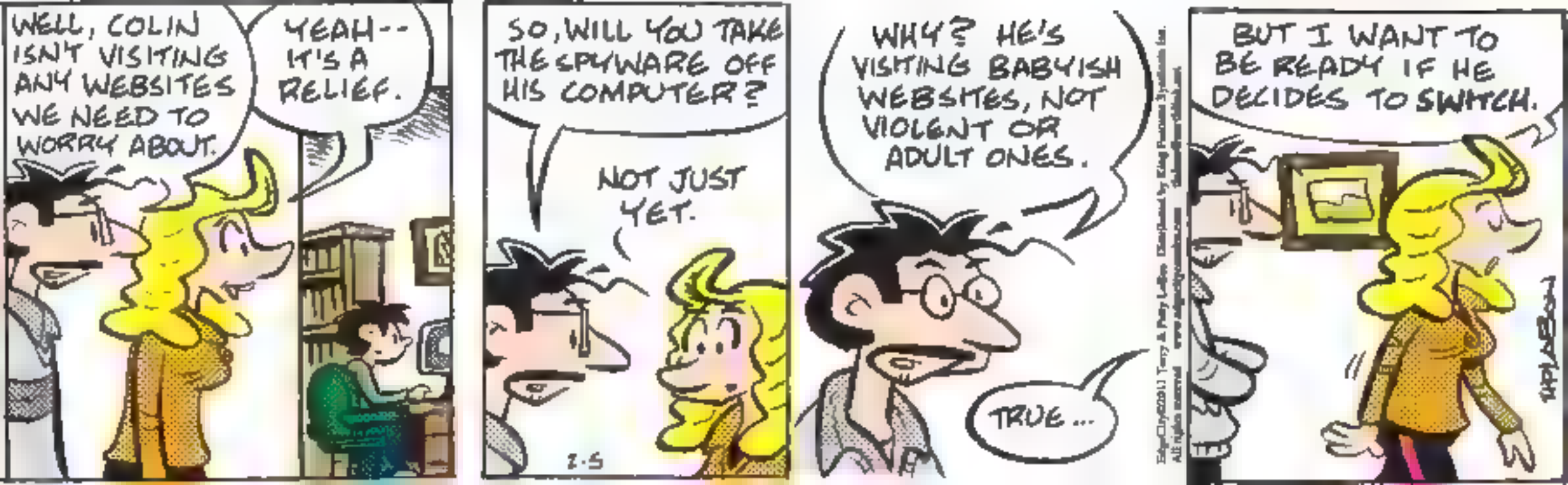

YOU WANNA PUT SPYWARE ON COLIN'S COMPUTER, ABBY?
WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT WEB-SITES HE'S VISITING!
IT'S DANGEROUS OUT THERE! WE NEED TO PROTECT HIM!
BY TOTALLY VIOLATING HIS PRIVACY?
WHEN DID WE GET TO THE POINT WHERE WE FEEL WE HAVE TO SUPERVISE EVERY SECOND OF OUR KIDS' LIVES?
A LONG TIME AGO!
THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT RIGHT!


OK-- I'VE INSTALLED SPYWARE ON THE COMPUTER COLIN USES.
NOW I CAN SEE EVERYWHERE HE WENT ON THE COMPUTER TODAY.
2-1
THAT'S QUITE A LONG LIST.
OK... SITE #1...


STILL GOING THROUGH THE WEBSITES COLIN VISITED?
YEAH... I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW TIME-CONSUMING IT'D BE.
ANY-THING TO WORRY ABOUT?
SO FAR IT'S ALL PRETTY HARMLESS, BUT... HEY, WHAT'S THIS?
A WEBSITE THAT FEATURES HOT CHICKS?!
IT'S PEOPLE POSTING PICTURES OF BABY CHICKENS IN INCUBATORS.
MAYBE I AM A LITTLE TOO PARANOID...
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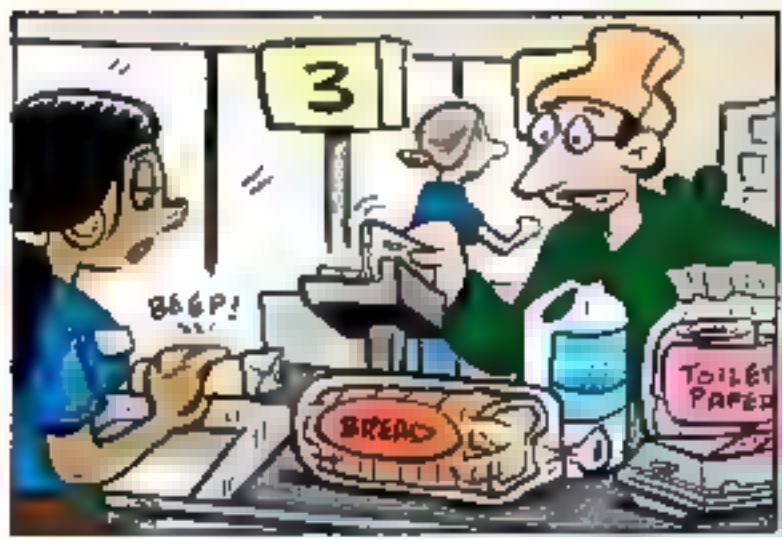

I'VE BEEN MONITORING COLIN'S WEB BROWSING AND I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY-THING TO WORRY ABOUT.
THAT'S GOOD, RIGHT?
YEAH... BUT I STILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO HIDE FROM ME.
AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, HE MOSTLY VISITS SITES LIKE "THE TELETUBBIES" AND "BOB THE BUILDER."
ISN'T HE A LITTLE OLD FOR THAT STUFF?
OH, GOSH! BINGO!


COLIN'S VISITING SITES FOR "BOB THE BUILDER" AND "TELETUBBIES"... LEN: I GET IT!
COLIN'S NOT HIDING THE SITES HE VISITS 'CUZ THEY'RE TOO ADULT--IT'S 'CUZ THEY'RE TOO BABYISH!
THAT'S A RELIEF, HUH?
I DUNNO-- SHOULD WE WORRY HE'S IMMATURE?
MMMAYBE...

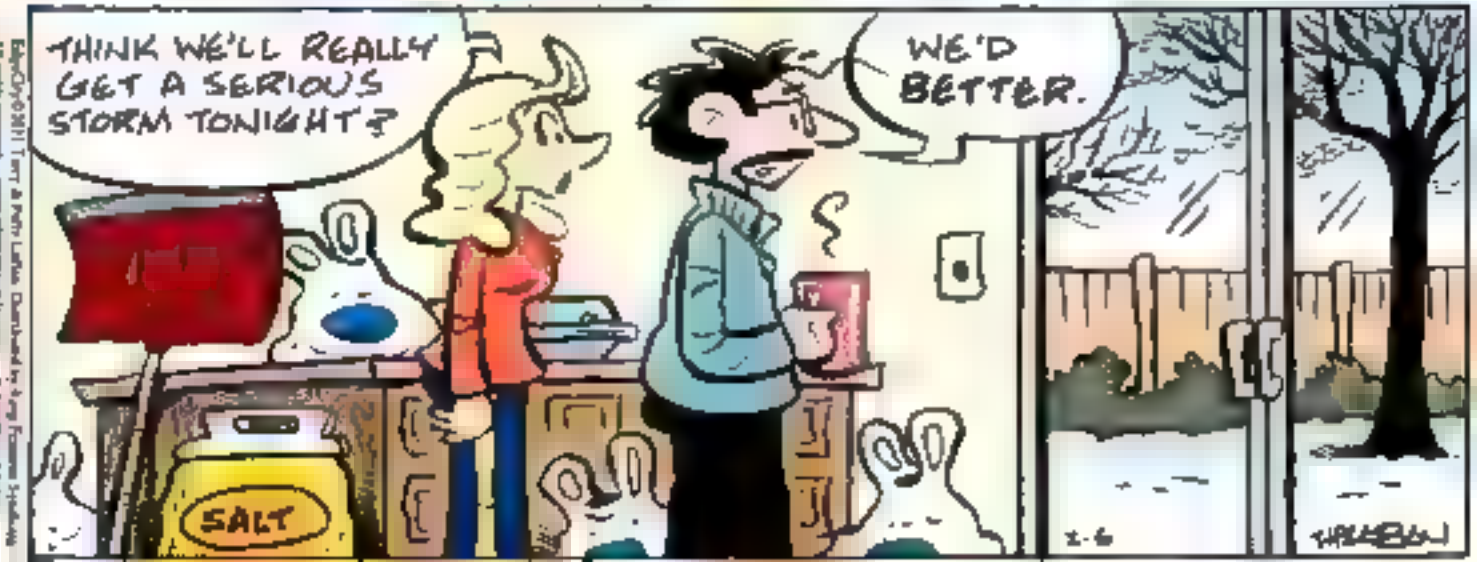

WELL, COLIN ISN'T VISITING ANY WEBSITES WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT.
YEAH-- IT'S A RELIEF.
SO, WILL YOU TAKE THE SPYWARE OFF HIS COMPUTER?
NOT JUST YET.
WHY? HE'S VISITING BABYISH WEBSITES, NOT VIOLENT OR ADULT ONES.
TRUE...
BUT I WANT TO BE READY IF HE DECIDES TO SWITCH.

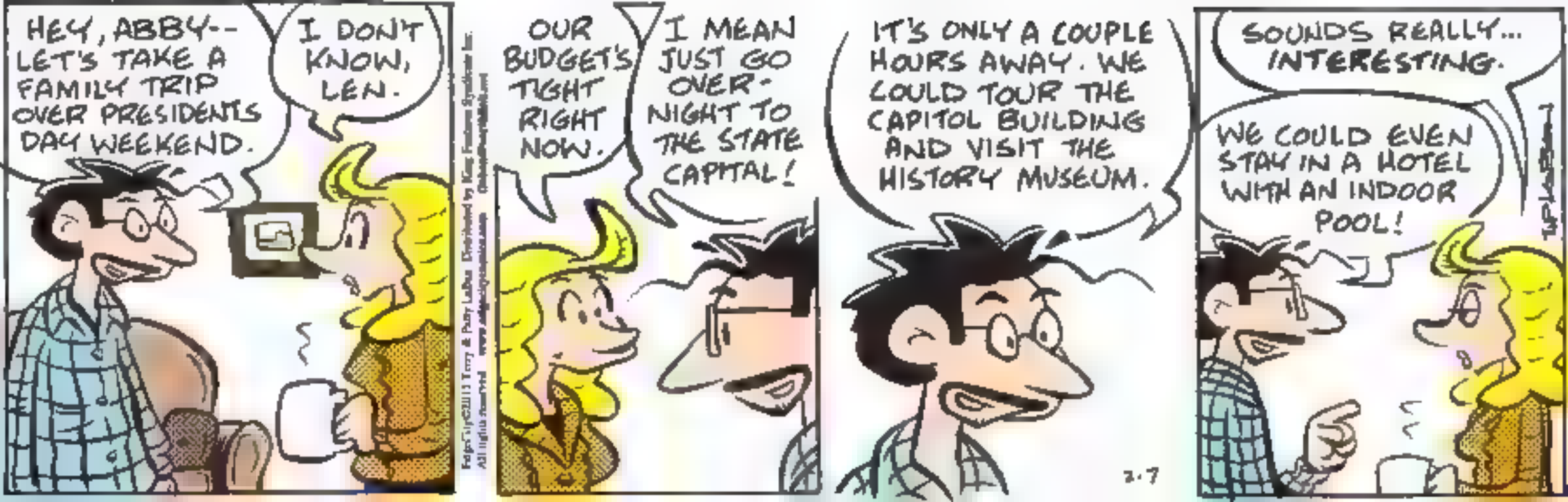

WINTER STORM WATCH TONIGHT...HIGH WINDS AND AT LEAST 12 INCHES OF SNOW EXPECTED...
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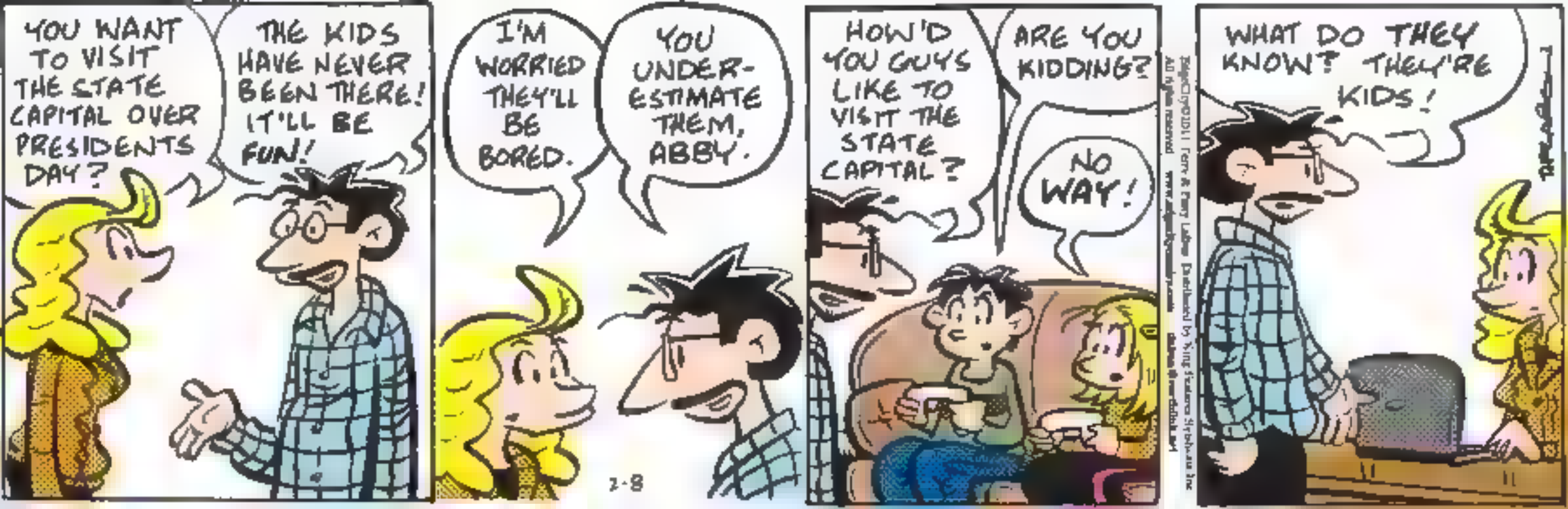

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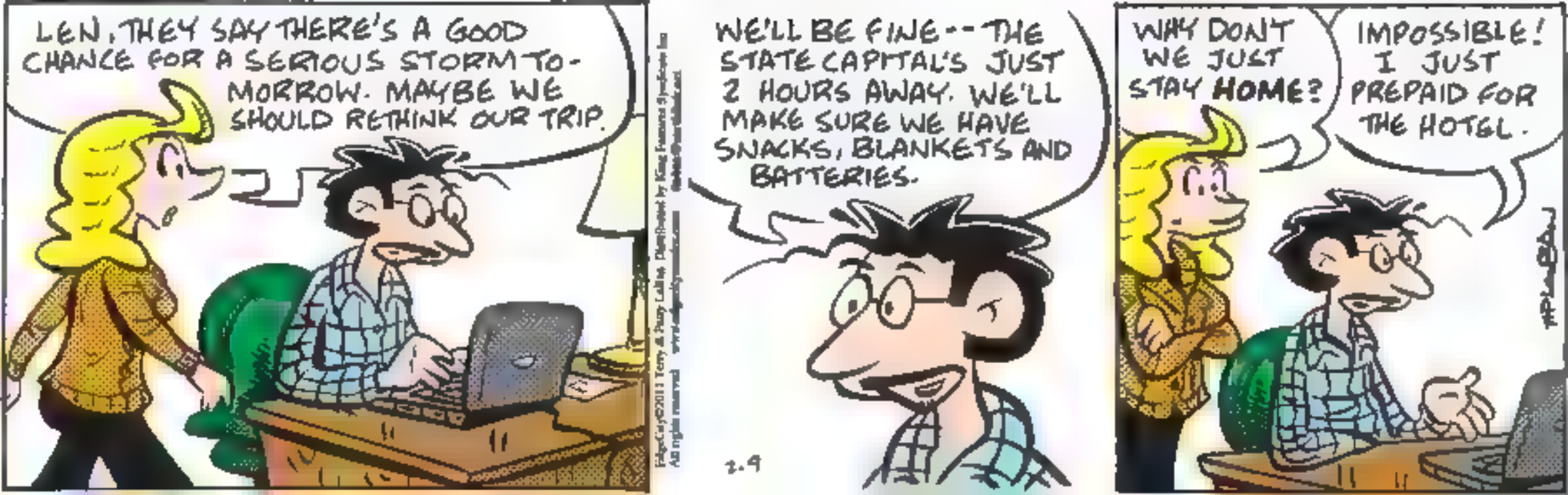

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BEEP!
BREAD
TOILET PAPER

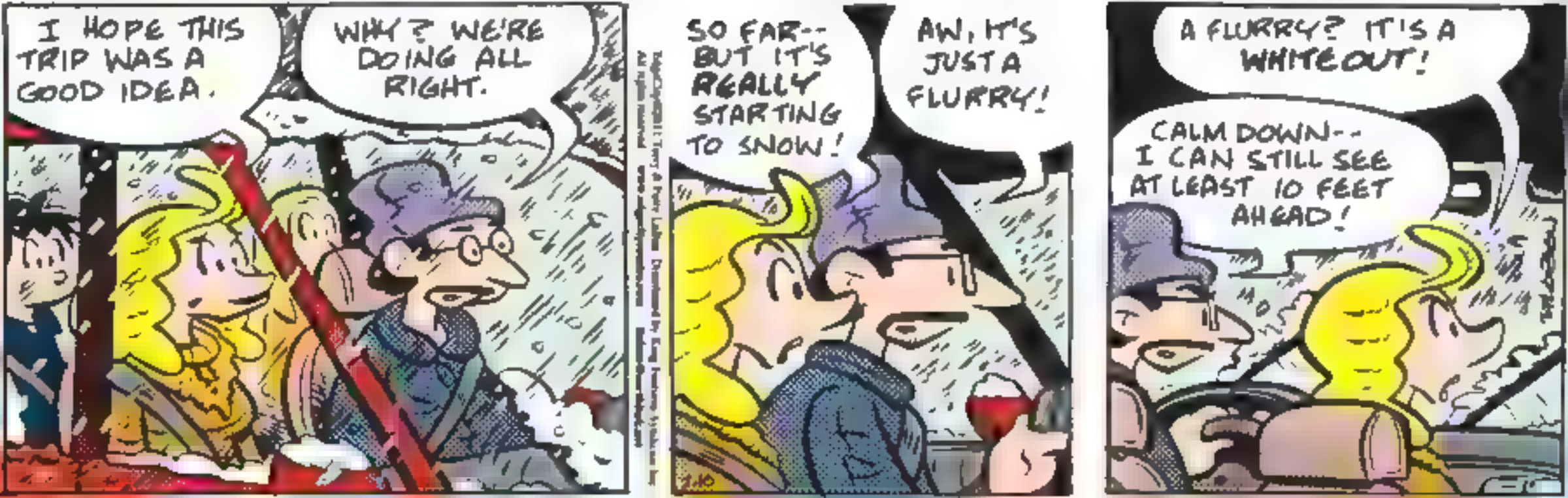

HARDWAR
SALT

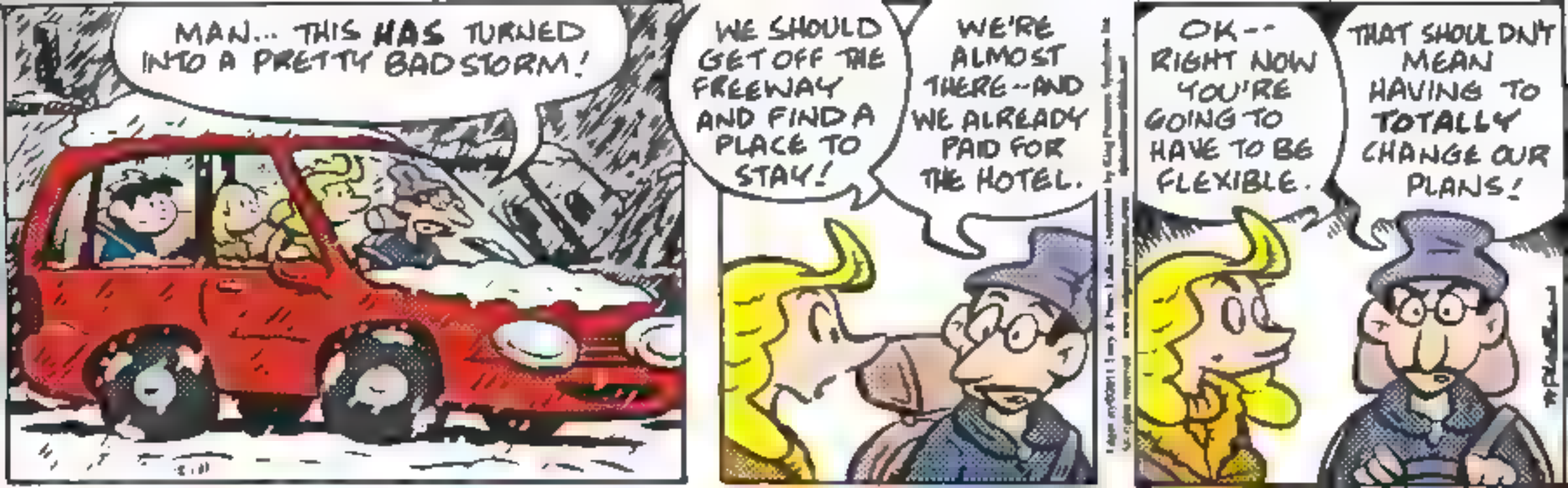

THINK WE'LL REALLY GET A SERIOUS STORM TONIGHT?
WE'D BETTER.
SALT

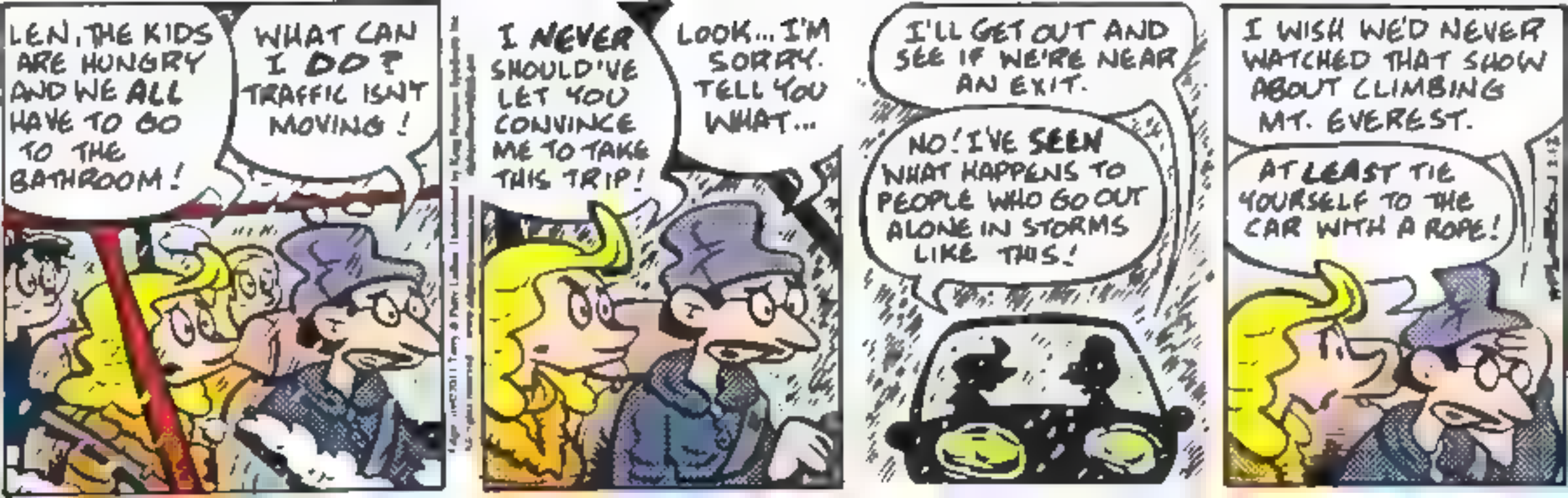

HEY, ABBY-- LET'S TAKE A FAMILY TRIP OVER PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND.
I DON'T KNOW, LEN.
OUR BUDGET'S TIGHT RIGHT NOW.
I MEAN JUST GO OVER-NIGHT TO THE STATE CAPITAL!
IT'S ONLY A COUPLE HOURS AWAY. WE COULD TOUR THE CAPITOL BUILDING AND VISIT THE HISTORY MUSEUM.
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SOUNDS REALLY... INTERESTING.
WE COULD EVEN STAY IN A HOTEL WITH AN INDOOR POOL!

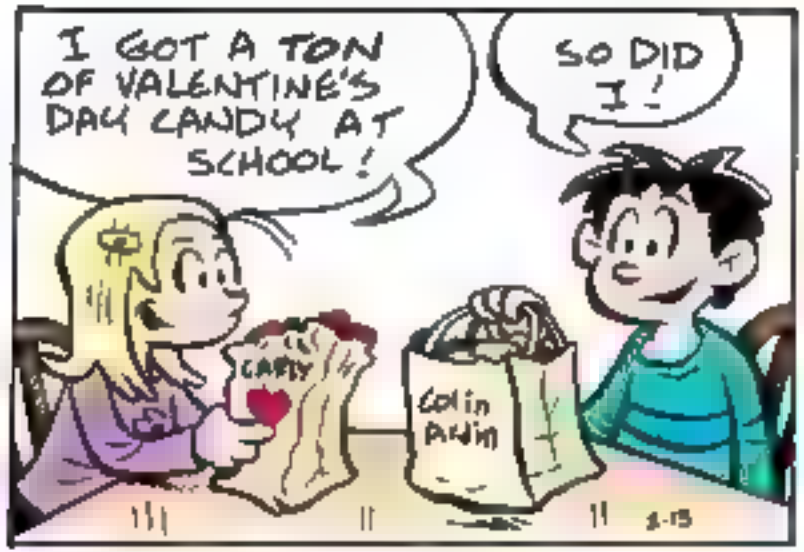

YOU WANT TO VISIT THE STATE CAPITAL OVER PRESIDENTS DAY?
THE KIDS HAVE NEVER BEEN THERE! IT'LL BE FUN!
I'M WORRIED THEY'LL BE BORED.
YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE THEM, ABBY.
HOW'D YOU GUYS LIKE TO VISIT THE STATE CAPITAL?
ARE YOU KIDDING?
NO WAY!
WHAT DO THEY KNOW? THEY'RE KIDS!
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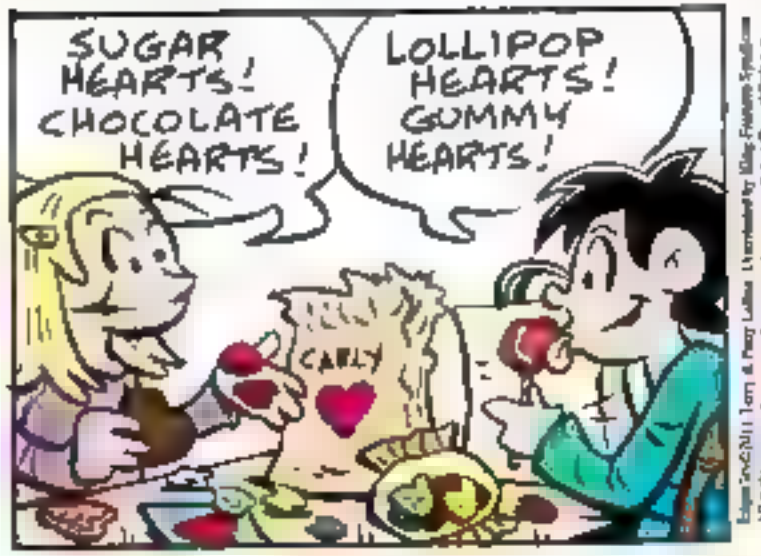

LEN, THEY SAY THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE FOR A SERIOUS STORM TO-MORROW. MAYBE WE SHOULD RETHINK OUR TRIP.
WE'LL BE FINE -- THE STATE CAPITAL'S JUST 2 HOURS AWAY. WE'LL MAKE SURE WE HAVE SNACKS, BLANKETS AND BATTERIES.
WHY DON'T WE JUST STAY HOME?
IMPOSSIBLE! I JUST PREPAID FOR THE HOTEL.
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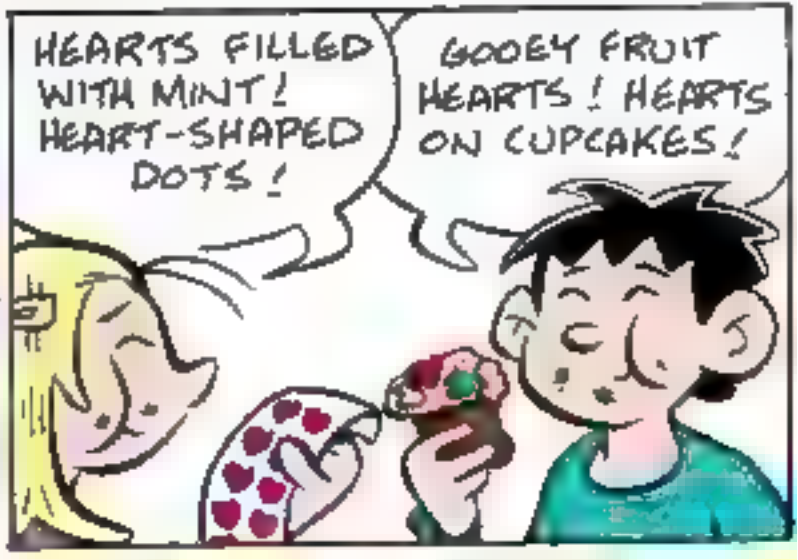

I HOPE THIS TRIP WAS A GOOD IDEA.
WHY? WE'RE DOING ALL RIGHT.
SO FAR-- BUT IT'S REALLY STARTING TO SNOW!
AW, IT'S JUST A FLURRY!
A FLURRY? IT'S A WHITEOUT!
CALM DOWN-- I CAN STILL SEE AT LEAST 10 FEET AHEAD!

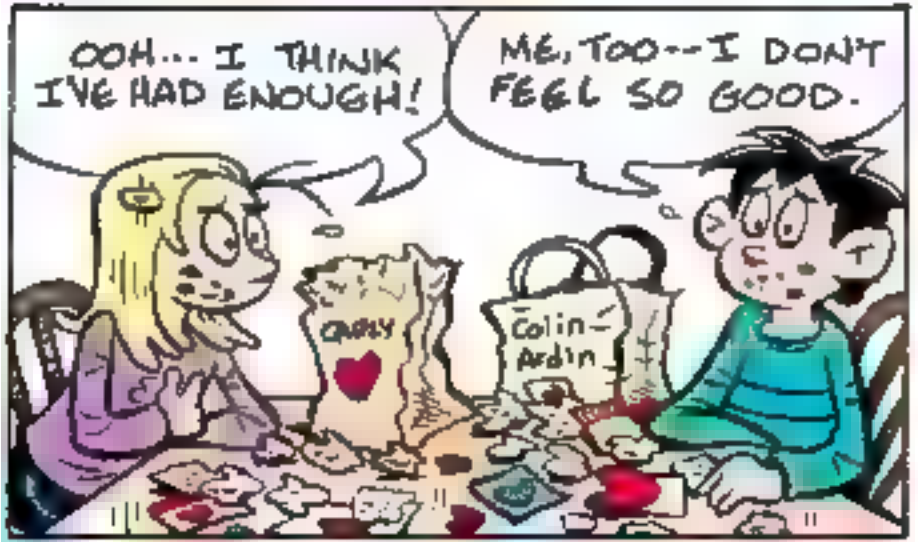

MAN... THIS HAS TURNED INTO A PRETTY BAD STORM!
WE SHOULD GET OFF THE FREEWAY AND FIND A PLACE TO STAY!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE--AND WE ALREADY PAID FOR THE HOTEL.
OK-- RIGHT NOW YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BE FLEXIBLE.
THAT SHOULDN'T MEAN HAVING TO TOTALLY CHANGE OUR PLANS!

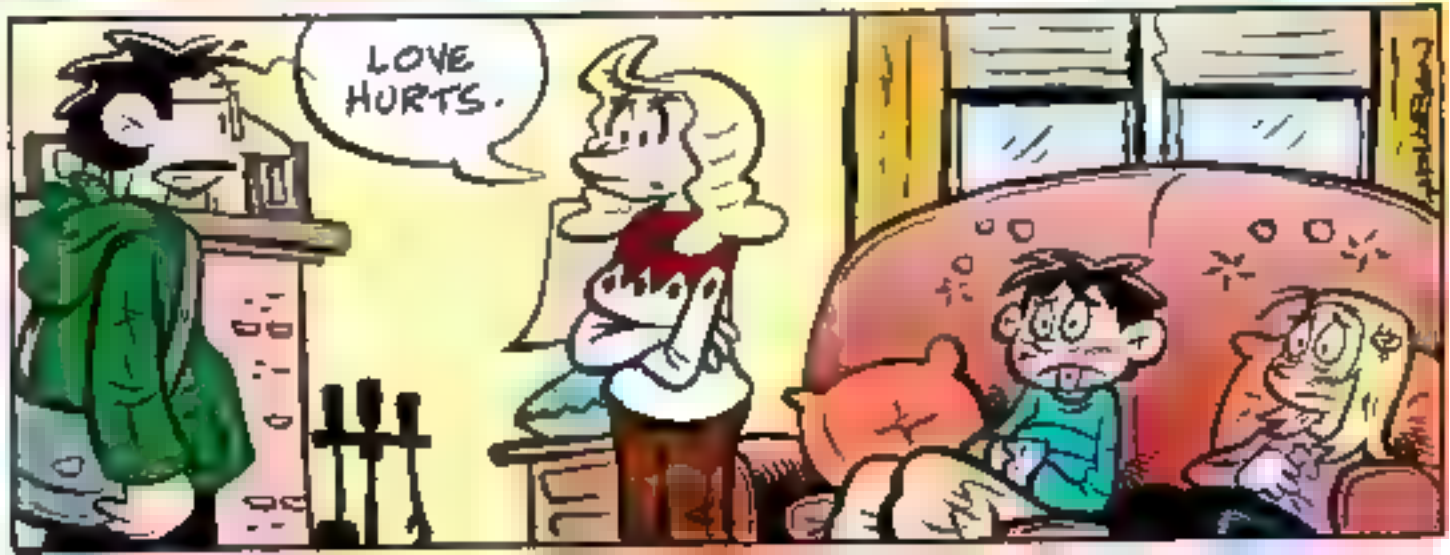

LEN, THE KIDS ARE HUNGRY AND WE ALL HAVE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM!
WHAT CAN I DO? TRAFFIC ISN'T MOVING!
I NEVER SHOULD'VE LET YOU CONVINCE ME TO TAKE THIS TRIP!
LOOK... I'M SORRY. TELL YOU WHAT...
I'LL GET OUT AND SEE IF WE'RE NEAR AN EXIT.
NO! I'VE SEEN WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WHO GO OUT ALONE IN STORMS LIKE THIS!
I WISH WE'D NEVER WATCHED THAT SHOW ABOUT CLIMBING MT. EVEREST.
AT LEAST TIE YOURSELF TO THE CAR WITH A ROPE!

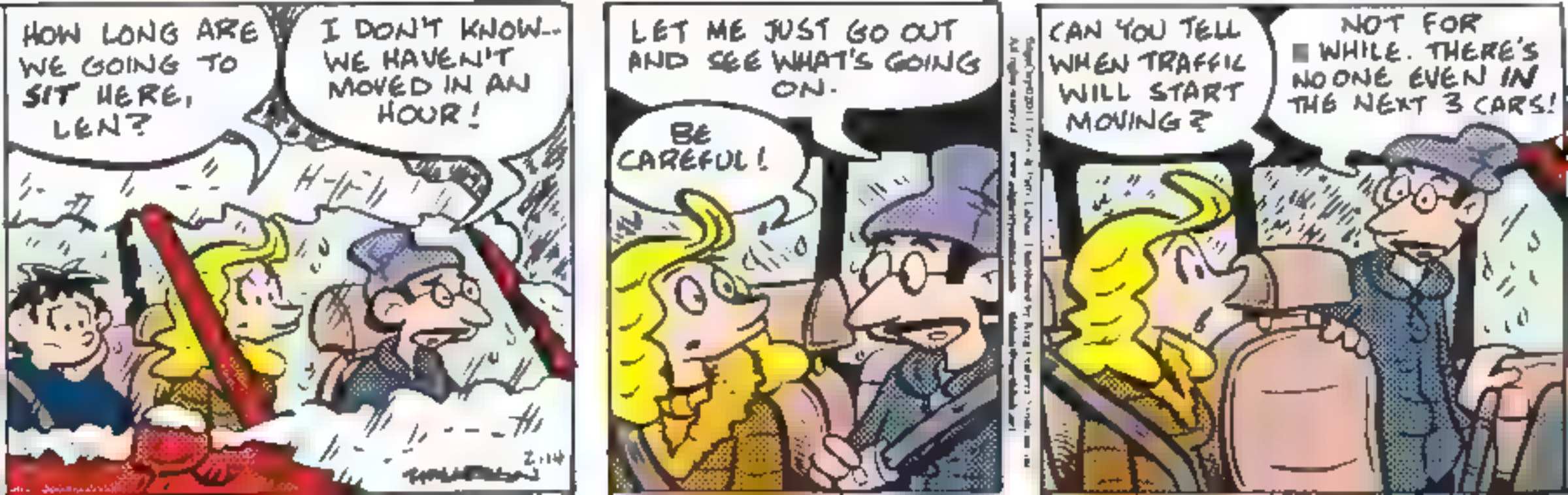

I GOT A TON OF VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY AT SCHOOL!
SO DID I!
CARLY
Colin Ardin
2-15

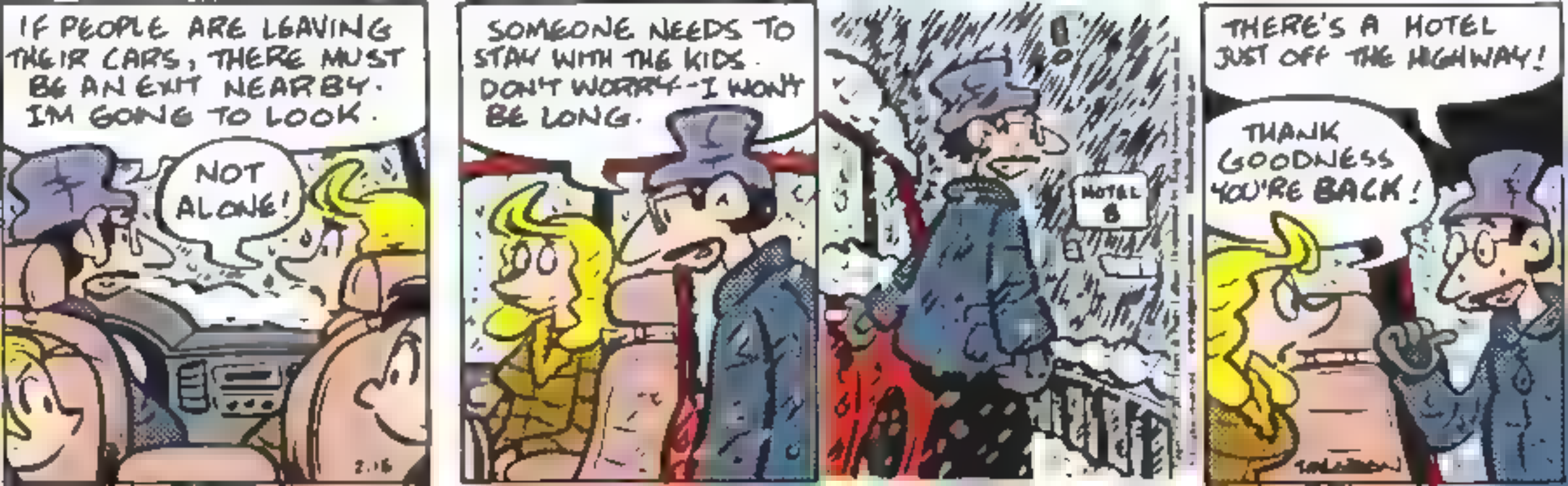

SUGAR HEARTS! CHOCOLATE HEARTS!
LOLLIPOP HEARTS! GUMMY HEARTS!
CARLY

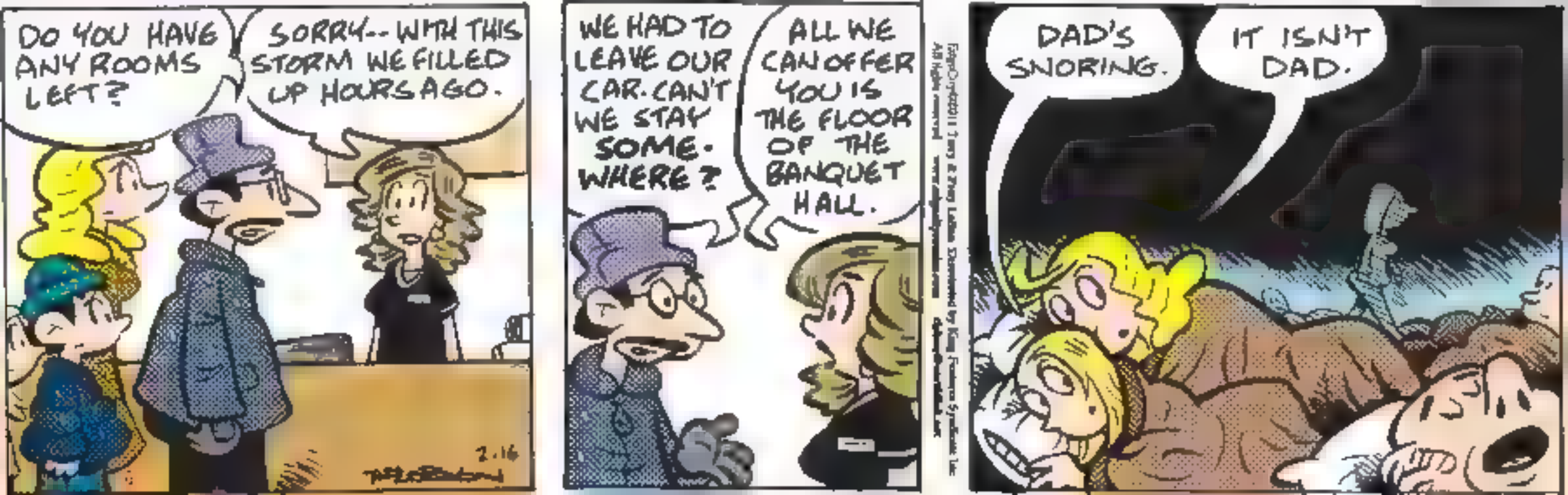

HEARTS FILLED WITH MINT! HEART-SHAPED DOTS!
GOOEY FRUIT HEARTS! HEARTS ON CUPCAKES!


OOH... I THINK I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
ME, TOO--I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD.
CARLY
Colin Ardin


LOVE HURTS.

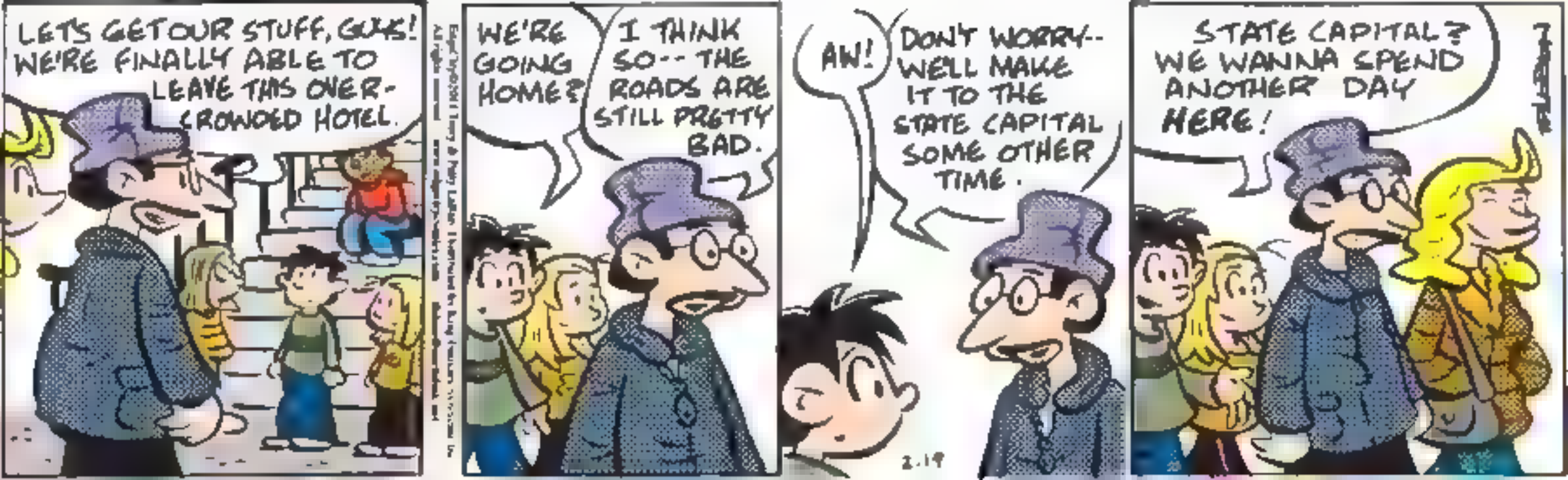

HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO SIT HERE, LEN?
I DON'T KNOW-- WE HAVEN'T MOVED IN AN HOUR!
LET ME JUST GO OUT AND SEE WHAT'S GOING ON.
BE CAREFUL!
CAN YOU TELL WHEN TRAFFIC WILL START MOVING?
NOT FOR A WHILE. THERE'S NO ONE EVEN IN THE NEXT 3 CARS!


IF PEOPLE ARE LEAVING THEIR CARS, THERE MUST BE AN EXIT NEARBY. IM GOING TO LOOK.
NOT ALONE!
SOMEONE NEEDS TO STAY WITH THE KIDS. DON'T WORRY--I WON'T BE LONG.
MOTEL
THERE'S A HOTEL JUST OFF THE HIGHWAY!
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE BACK!


DO YOU HAVE ANY ROOMS LEFT?
SORRY-- WITH THIS STORM WE FILLED UP HOURS AGO.
2.16
WE HAD TO LEAVE OUR CAR. CAN'T WE STAY SOME-WHERE?
ALL WE CAN OFFER YOU IS THE FLOOR OF THE BANQUET HALL.
DAD'S SNORING.
IT ISN'T DAD.

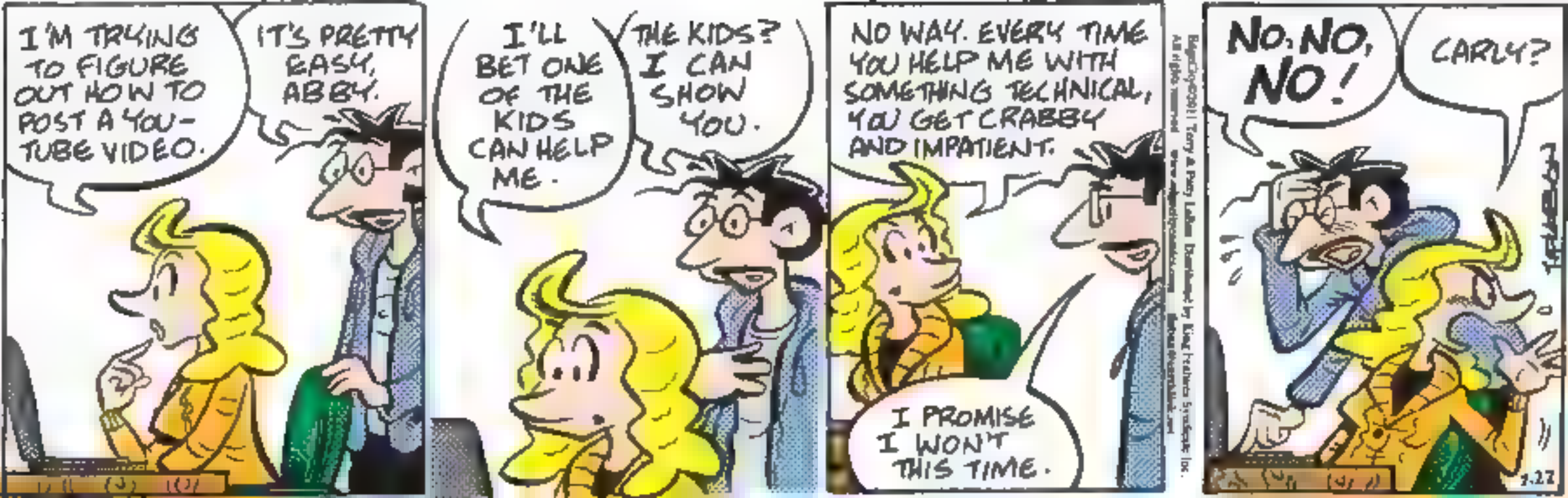

WHAT A NIGHT!
YEAH--I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D SLEEP IN A HOTEL BANQUET HALL WITH 100 OTHERS!
IT'S STILL SNOWING, SO WE MAY BE STUCK HERE FOR A WHILE. SORRY THIS TRIP TURNED INTO SUCH A DISASTER!
THAT'S OK...
WE'RE ACTUALLY HAVING A PRETTY GOOD TIME.
GO FISH!

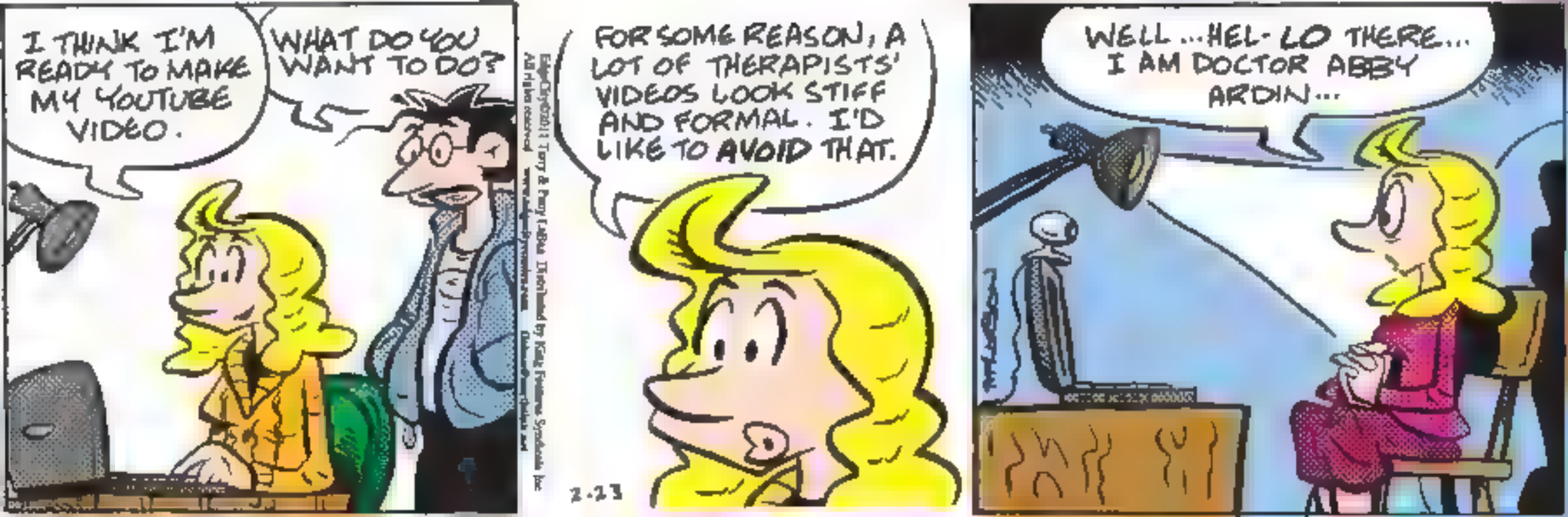

ABBY, I GOT OUR CAR OFF THE FREEWAY AND PARKED IT NEARBY.
IT'S STOPPED SNOWING. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO LEAVE PRETTY SOON.
THAT'S GOOD.
WHERE ARE THE KIDS?
THE HOTEL'S SHORT-HANDED, SO THEY'RE HELPING OUT THE MAIDS.
2-18
WHEN CAN WE DO THE LITTLE SOAPS?
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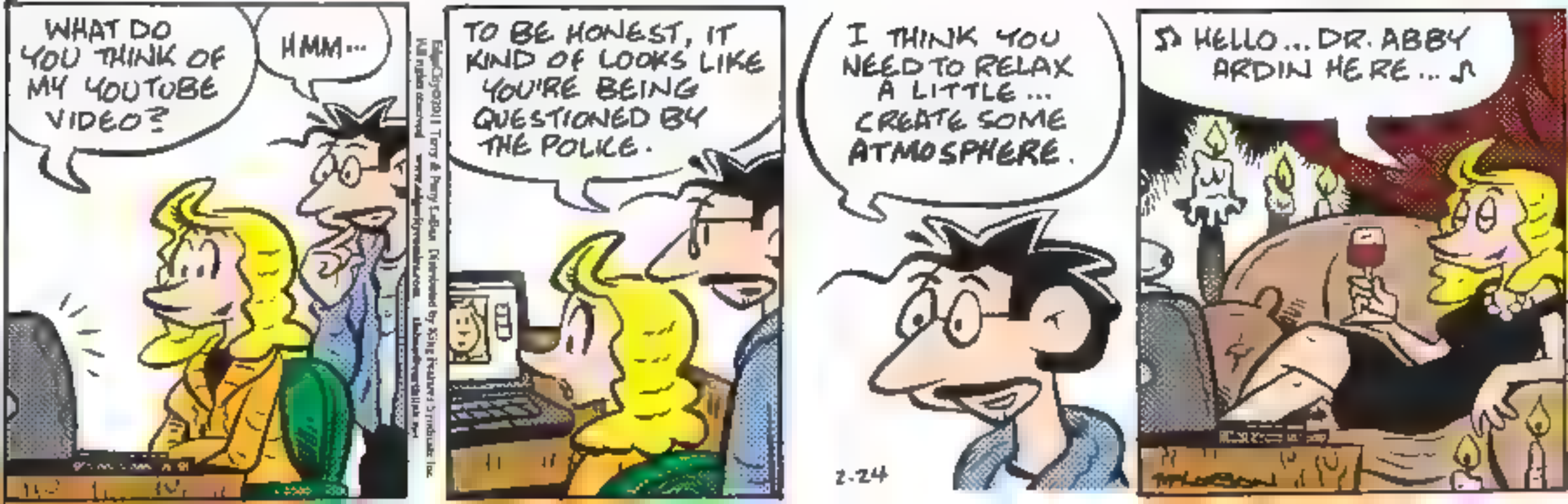

LETS GET OUR STUFF, GUYS! WE'RE FINALLY ABLE TO LEAVE THIS OVER-CROWDED HOTEL.
WE'RE GOING HOME?
I THINK SO-- THE ROADS ARE STILL PRETTY BAD.
AW!
DON'T WORRY-- WE'LL MAKE IT TO THE STATE CAPITAL SOME OTHER TIME.
STATE CAPITAL? WE WANNA SPEND ANOTHER DAY HERE!

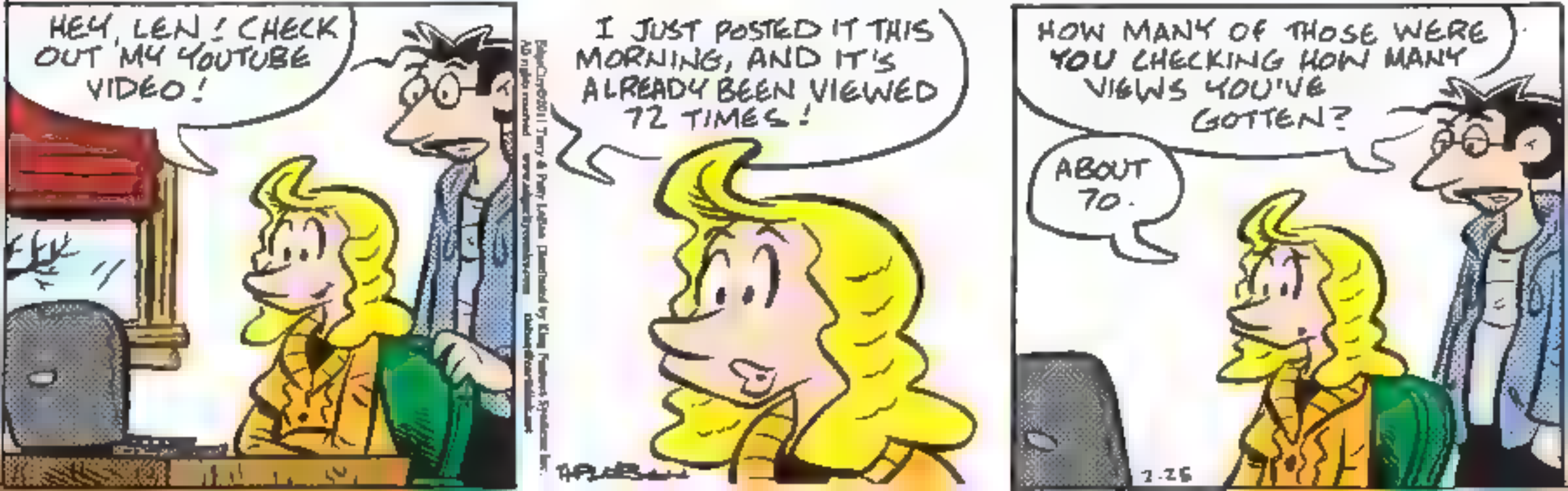

@#!
HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE VENDING MACHINE AGAIN?
IT EITHER EATS MY MONEY OR GIVES ME THE WRONG DRINK!
GUESS WE SHOULD CALL THE SERVICE GUY.
WE'VE DONE THAT AND IT HASN'T HELPED. THIS THING ISN'T JUST MESSED UP-- IT'S EVIL!
THAT'S CRAZY, LEN! IT'S JUST A MACHINE!
CRAZY OR NOT, IT'S TRUE!
Heh Heh Heh !
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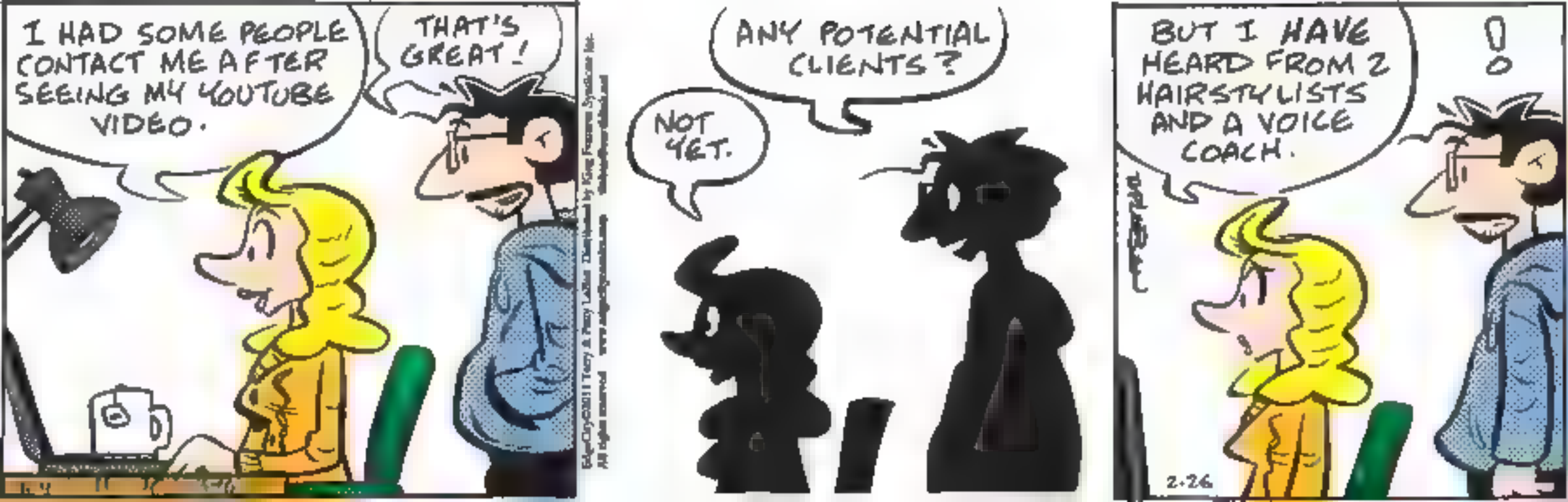

A LOT OF THERAPISTS ARE MAKING YOUTUBE VIDEOS TO PROMOTE THEIR PRACTICES.
2-21
YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MAKING A YOUTUBE VIDEO, LEN?
NOT THAT MUCH.
BUT I'VE HEARD IT HELPS TO INCLUDE A PIANO-PLAYING CAT.
I'LL JUST DO SOME RESEARCH ON MY OWN.

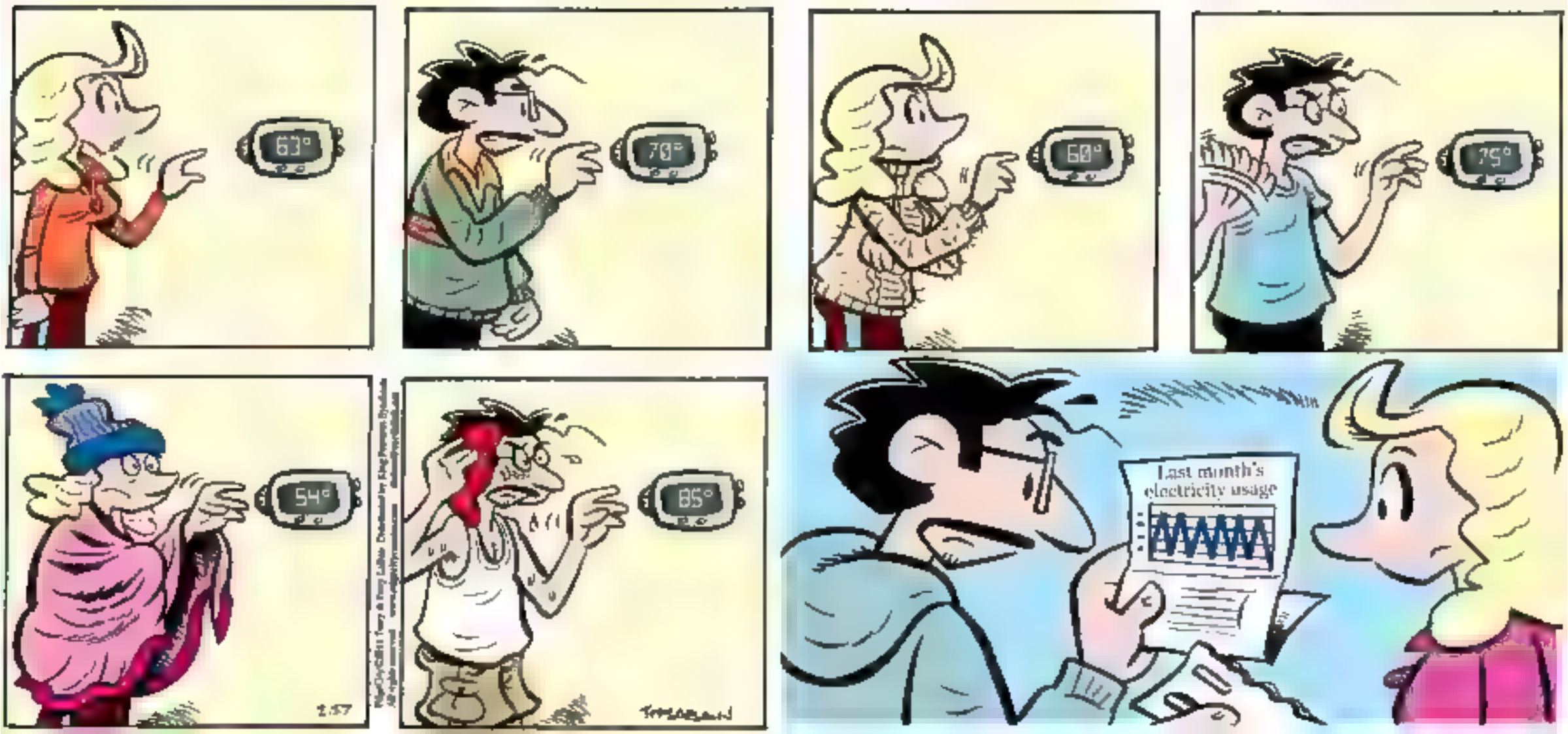

I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO POST A YOU-TUBE VIDEO.
IT'S PRETTY EASY, ABBY.
I'LL BET ONE OF THE KIDS CAN HELP ME.
THE KIDS? I CAN SHOW YOU.
NO WAY. EVERY TIME YOU HELP ME WITH SOMETHING TECHNICAL, YOU GET CRABBY AND IMPATIENT.
I PROMISE I WON'T THIS TIME.
NO, NO, NO!
CARLY?
9.27

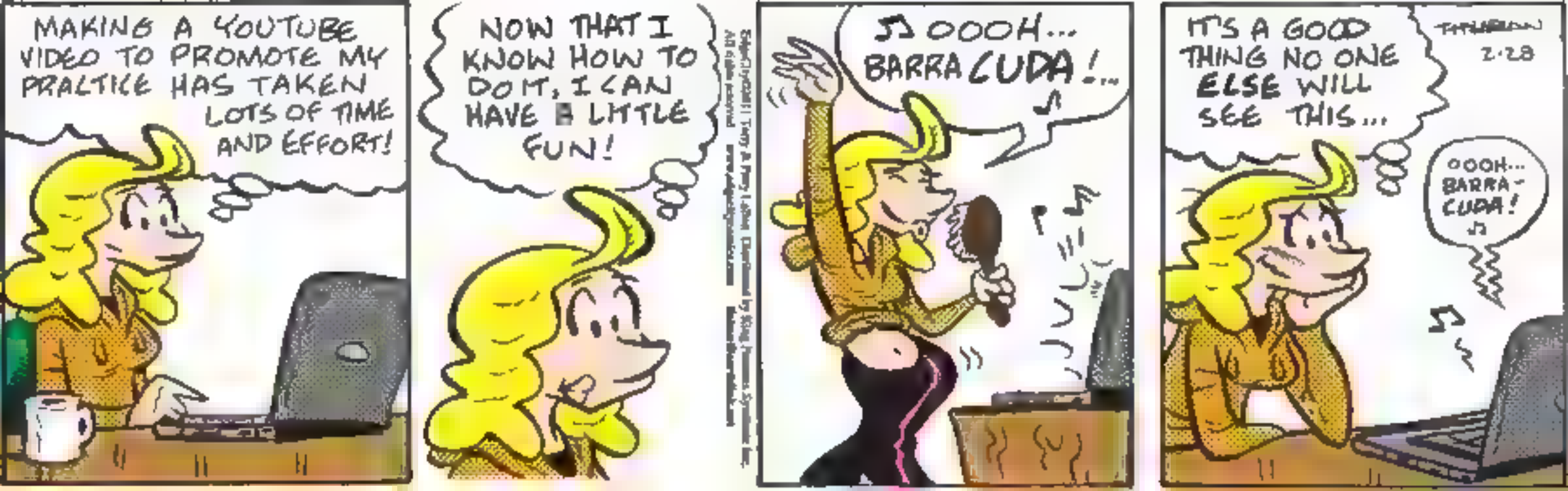

I THINK I'M READY TO MAKE MY YOUTUBE VIDEO.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
FOR SOME REASON, A LOT OF THERAPISTS' VIDEOS LOOK STIFF AND FORMAL. I'D LIKE TO AVOID THAT.
WELL...HEL-LO THERE... I AM DOCTOR ABBY ARDIN...
2-23

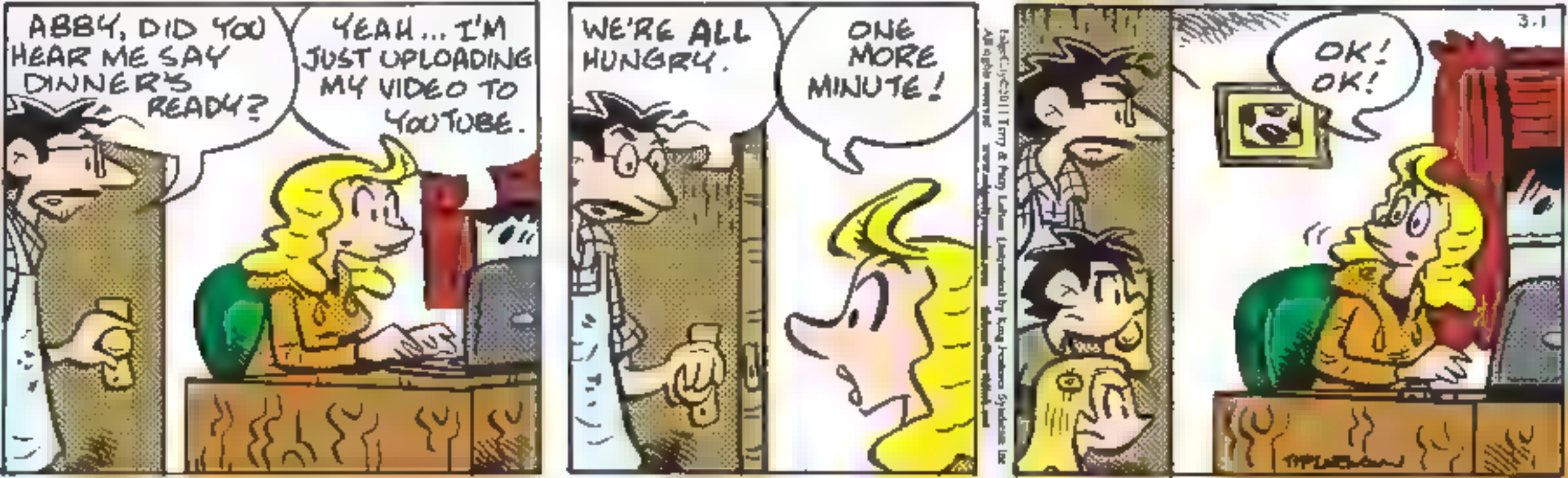

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY YOUTUBE VIDEO?
HMM...
TO BE HONEST, IT KIND OF LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE BEING QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE.
I THINK YOU NEED TO RELAX A LITTLE... CREATE SOME ATMOSPHERE.
♫ HELLO... DR. ABBY ARDIN HERE... ♫
2-24

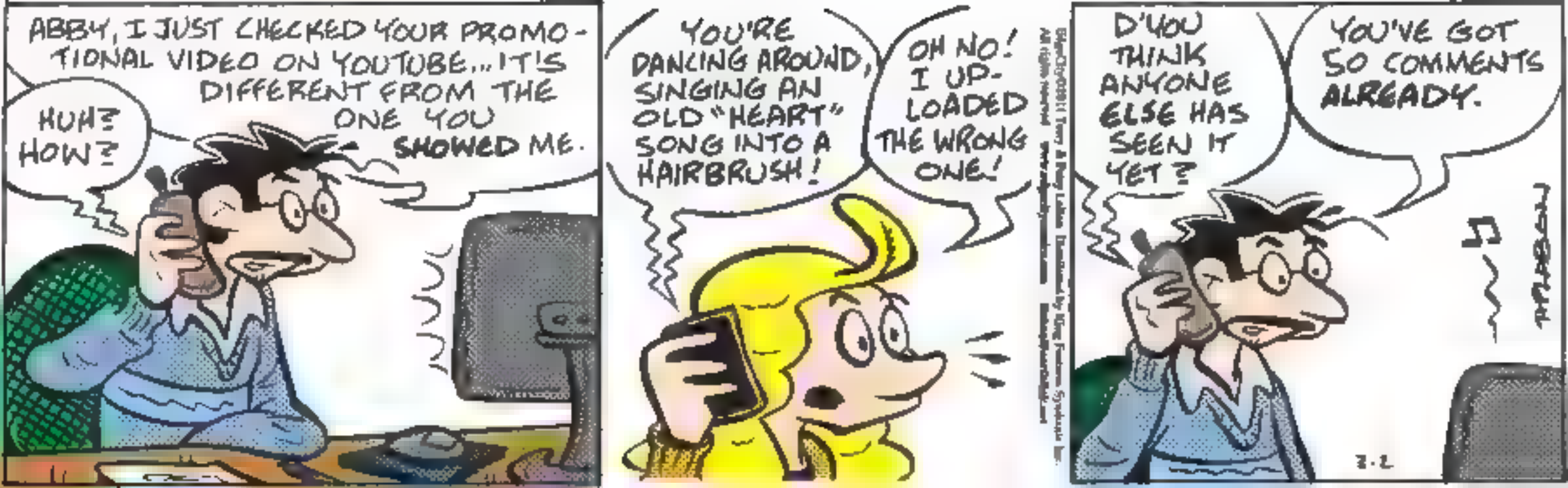

HEY, LEN! CHECK OUT MY YOUTUBE VIDEO!
I JUST POSTED IT THIS MORNING, AND IT'S ALREADY BEEN VIEWED 72 TIMES!
HOW MANY OF THOSE WERE YOU CHECKING HOW MANY VIEWS YOU'VE GOTTEN?
ABOUT 70.
2-26

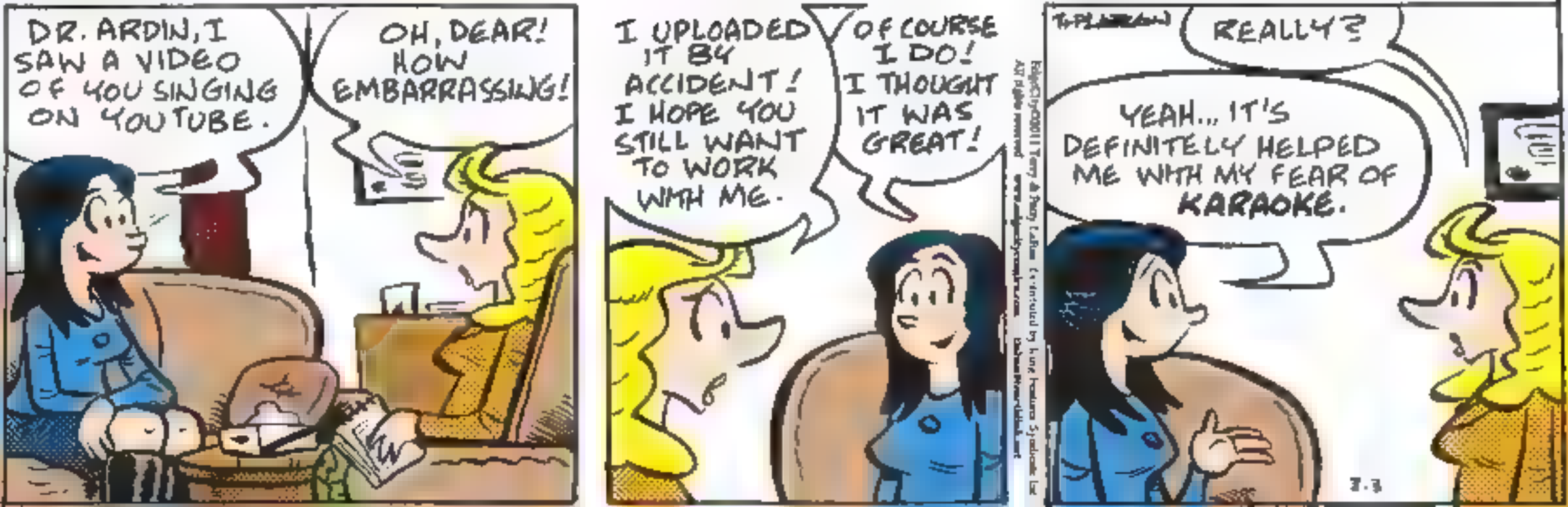

I HAD SOME PEOPLE CONTACT ME AFTER SEEING MY YOUTUBE VIDEO.
THAT'S GREAT!
ANY POTENTIAL CLIENTS?
NOT YET.
BUT I HAVE HEARD FROM 2 HAIRSTYLISTS AND A VOICE COACH.
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2-26


63°
70°
60°
75°
54°
85°
Last month's electricity usage

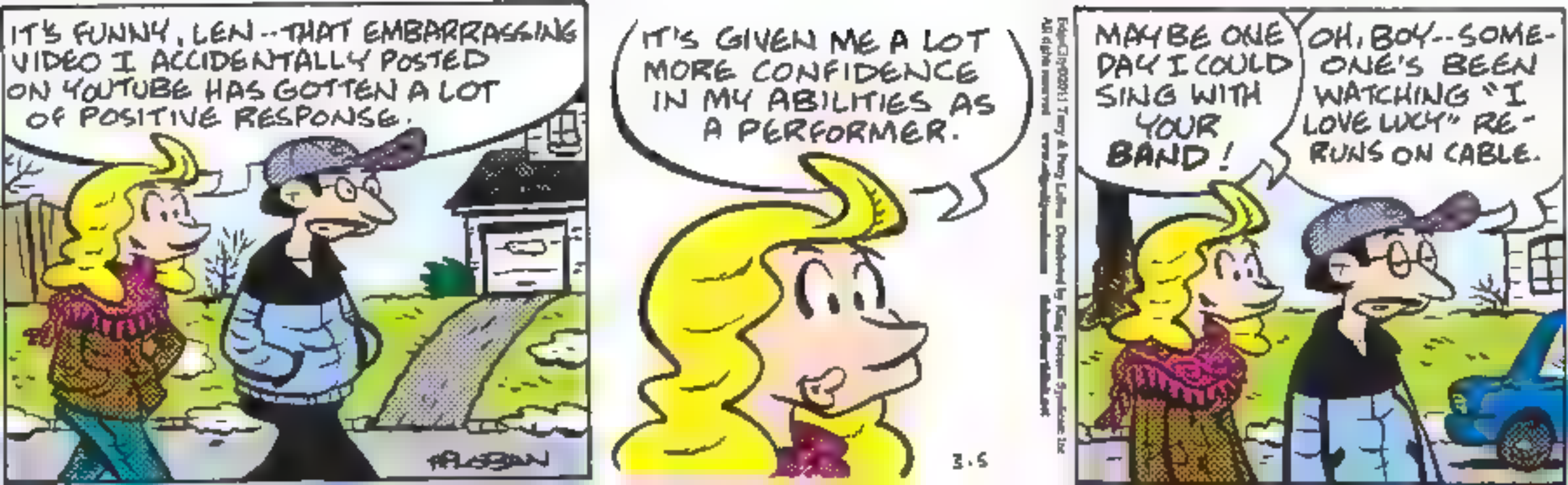

MAKING A YOUTUBE VIDEO TO PROMOTE MY PRALTICE HAS TAKEN LOTS OF TIME AND EFFORT!
NOW THAT I KNOW HOW TO DO IT, I CAN HAVE A LITTLE FUN!
OOOH... BARRACUDA!...
IT'S A GOOD THING NO ONE ELSE WILL SEE THIS...
OOOH... BARRACUDA!
THATABABY 2-28

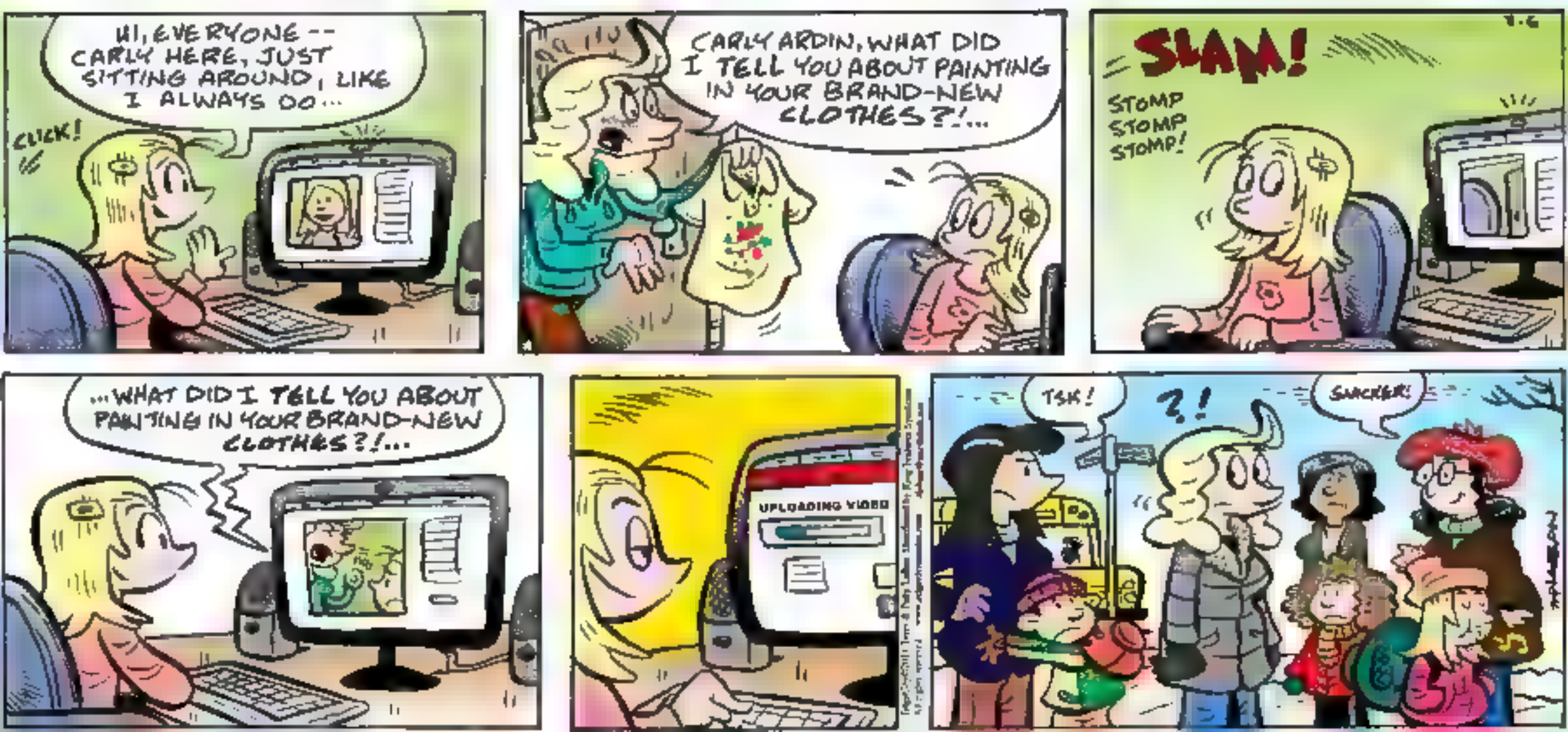

ABBY, DID YOU HEAR ME SAY DINNER'S READY?
YEAH... I'M JUST UPLOADING MY VIDEO TO YOUTUBE.
WE'RE ALL HUNGRY.
ONE MORE MINUTE!
OK! OK!
3.1

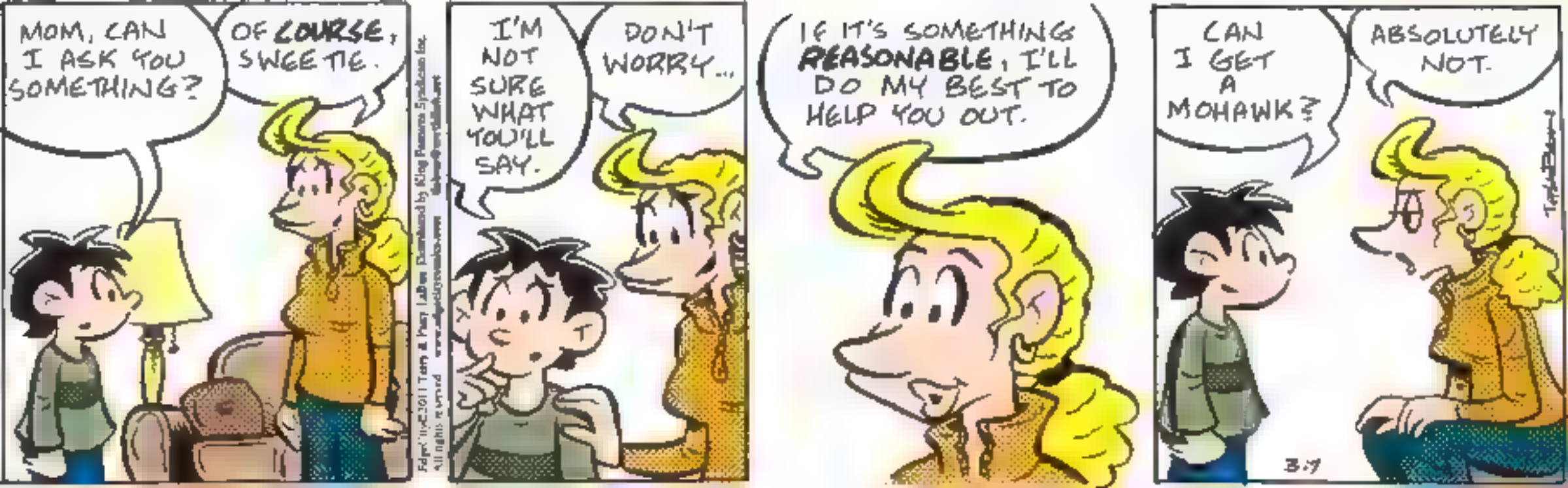

ABBY, I JUST CHECKED YOUR PROMOTIONAL VIDEO ON YOUTUBE... IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE YOU SHOWED ME.
HUH? HOW?
YOU'RE DANCING AROUND, SINGING AN OLD "HEART" SONG INTO A HAIRBRUSH!
OH NO! I UPLOADED THE WRONG ONE!
D'YOU THINK ANYONE ELSE HAS SEEN IT YET?
YOU'VE GOT 50 COMMENTS ALREADY.
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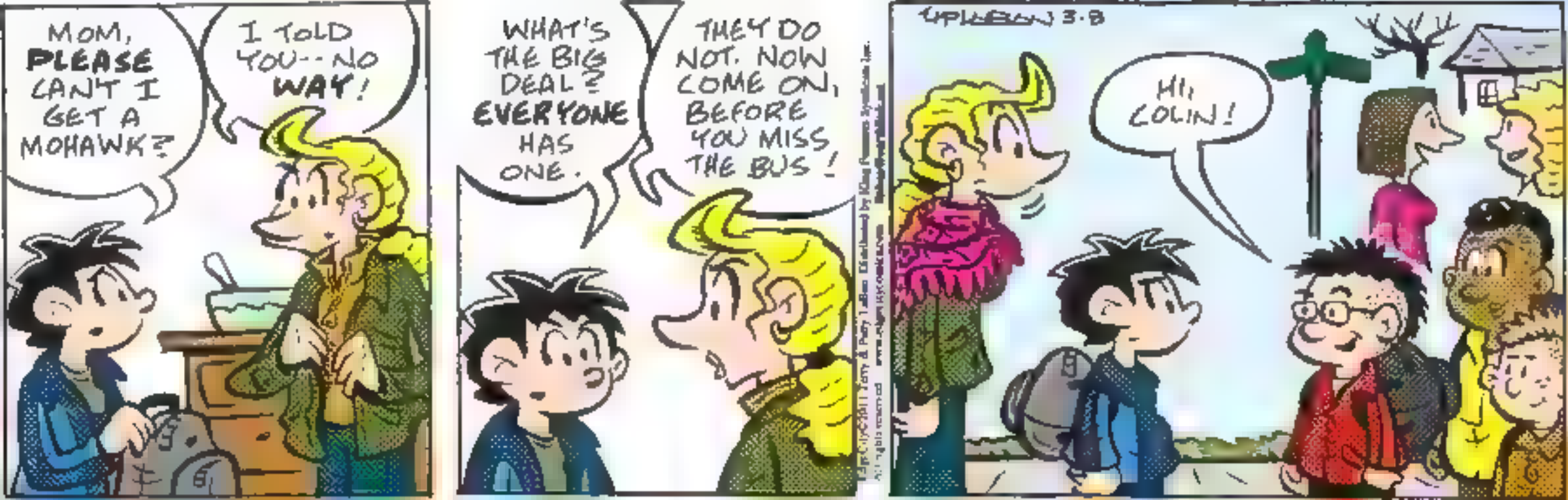

DR. ARDIN, I SAW A VIDEO OF YOU SINGING ON YOUTUBE.
OH, DEAR! HOW EMBARRASSING!
I UPLOADED IT BY ACCIDENT! I HOPE YOU STILL WANT TO WORK WITH ME.
OF COURSE I DO! I THOUGHT IT WAS GREAT!
REALLY?
YEAH... IT'S DEFINITELY HELPED ME WITH MY FEAR OF KARAOKE.
7-3

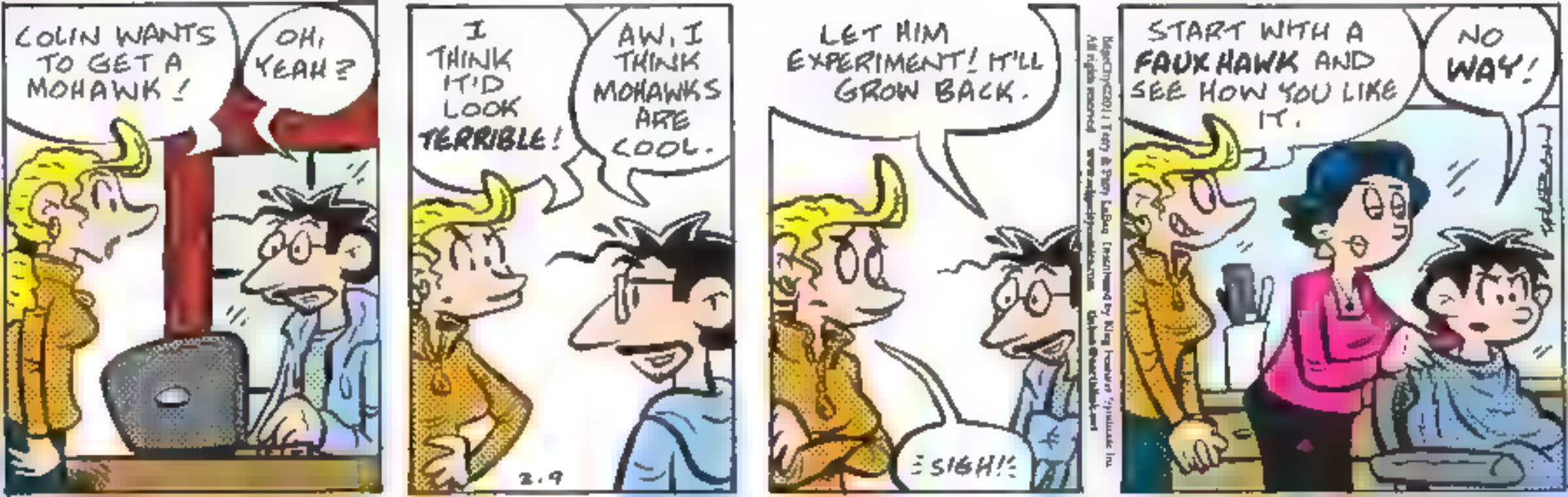

I SAW THAT VIDEO OF YOU SINGING ON YOUTUBE, DR. ARDIN.
OH... THAT.
I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT YOU MADE IT.
YOU DO?
OH, YEAH! YOU KNOW HOW I'VE BEEN VERY ANXIOUS IN SOCIAL SITUATIONS?
3-4
I REALIZED THAT IF YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF LOOKING LIKE A FOOL, I SHOULDN'T BE, EITHER!
HEH! GREAT!

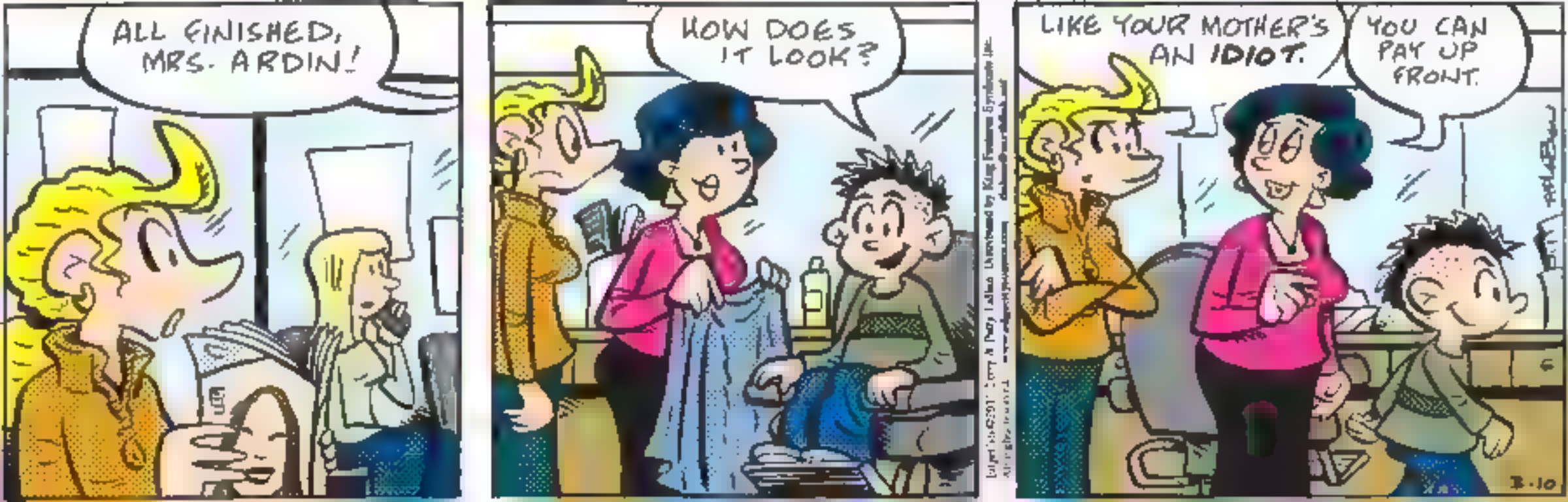

IT'S FUNNY, LEN--THAT EMBARRASSING VIDEO I ACCIDENTALLY POSTED ON YOUTUBE HAS GOTTEN A LOT OF POSITIVE RESPONSE.
IT'S GIVEN ME A LOT MORE CONFIDENCE IN MY ABILITIES AS A PERFORMER.
3.5
MAYBE ONE DAY I COULD SING WITH YOUR BAND!
OH, BOY--SOMEONE'S BEEN WATCHING "I LOVE LUCY" RE-RUNS ON CABLE.

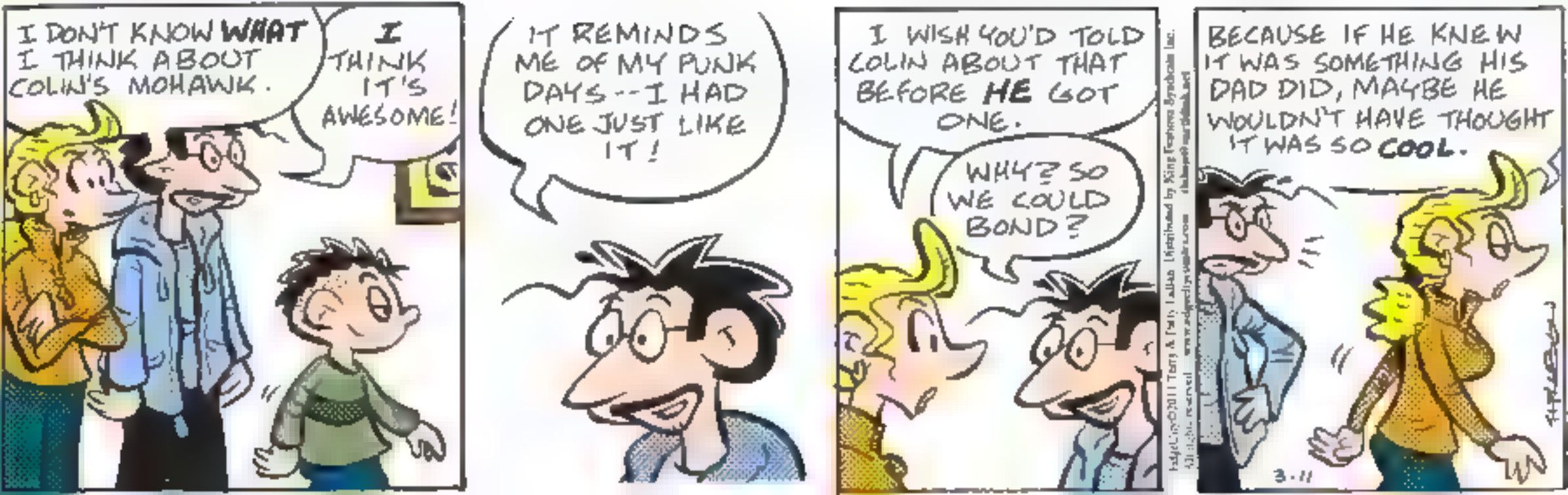

HI, EVERYONE -- CARLY HERE, JUST SITTING AROUND, LIKE I ALWAYS DO...
CLICK!
CARLY ARDIN, WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT PAINTING IN YOUR BRAND-NEW CLOTHES?!...
SLAM!
STOMP STOMP STOMP!
...WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT PAINTING IN YOUR BRAND-NEW CLOTHES?!...
UPLOADING VIDEO
TSK!
?!
SNICKER!


MOM, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
OF COURSE, SWEETIE.
I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU'LL SAY.
DON'T WORRY...
IF IT'S SOMETHING REASONABLE, I'LL DO MY BEST TO HELP YOU OUT.
CAN I GET A MOHAWK?
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
3-7

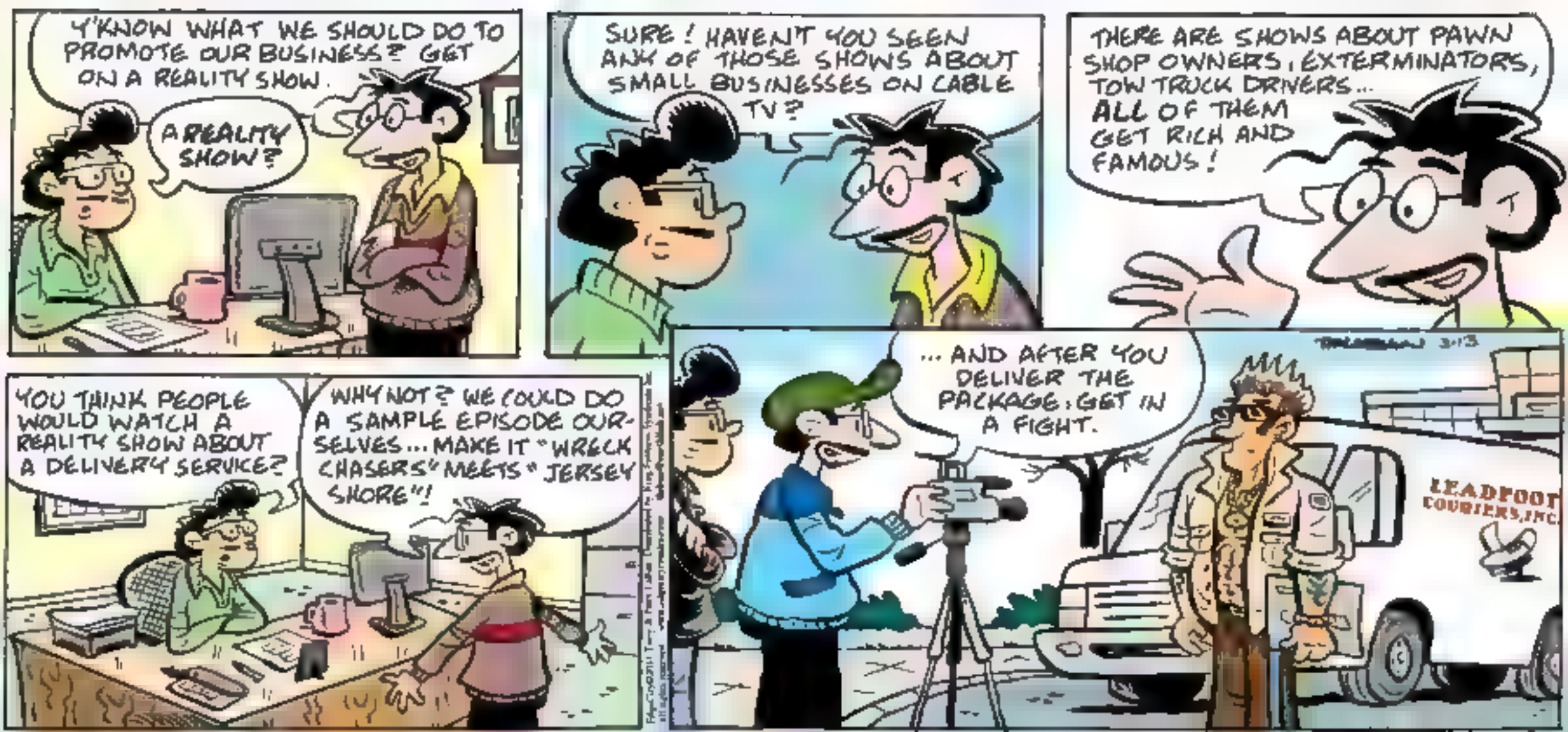

MOM, PLEASE CAN'T I GET A MOHAWK?
I TOLD YOU--NO WAY!
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? EVERYONE HAS ONE.
THEY DO NOT. NOW COME ON, BEFORE YOU MISS THE BUS!
UPLOAD 3.8
HI, COLIN!


COLIN WANTS TO GET A MOHAWK!
OH, YEAH?
I THINK IT'D LOOK TERRIBLE!
AW, I THINK MOHAWKS ARE COOL.
2.9
LET HIM EXPERIMENT! IT'LL GROW BACK.
SIGH!
START WITH A FAUX HAWK AND SEE HOW YOU LIKE IT.
NO WAY!

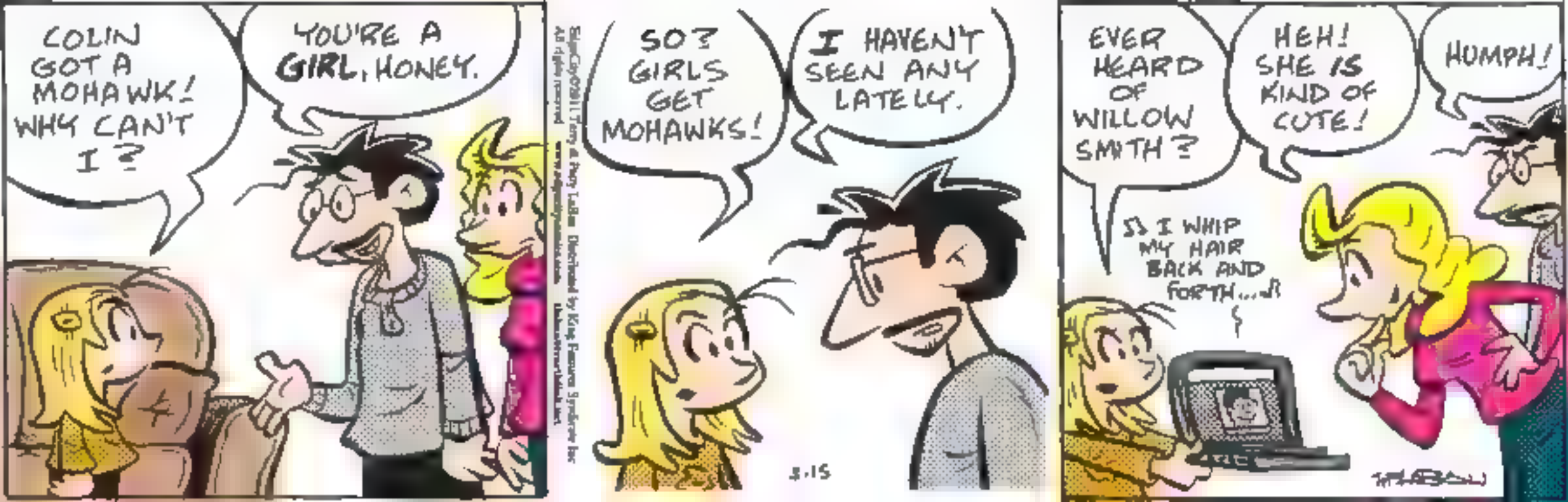

ALL FINISHED, MRS. ARDIN!
HOW DOES IT LOOK?
LIKE YOUR MOTHER'S AN IDIOT.
YOU CAN PAY UP FRONT.
B-10

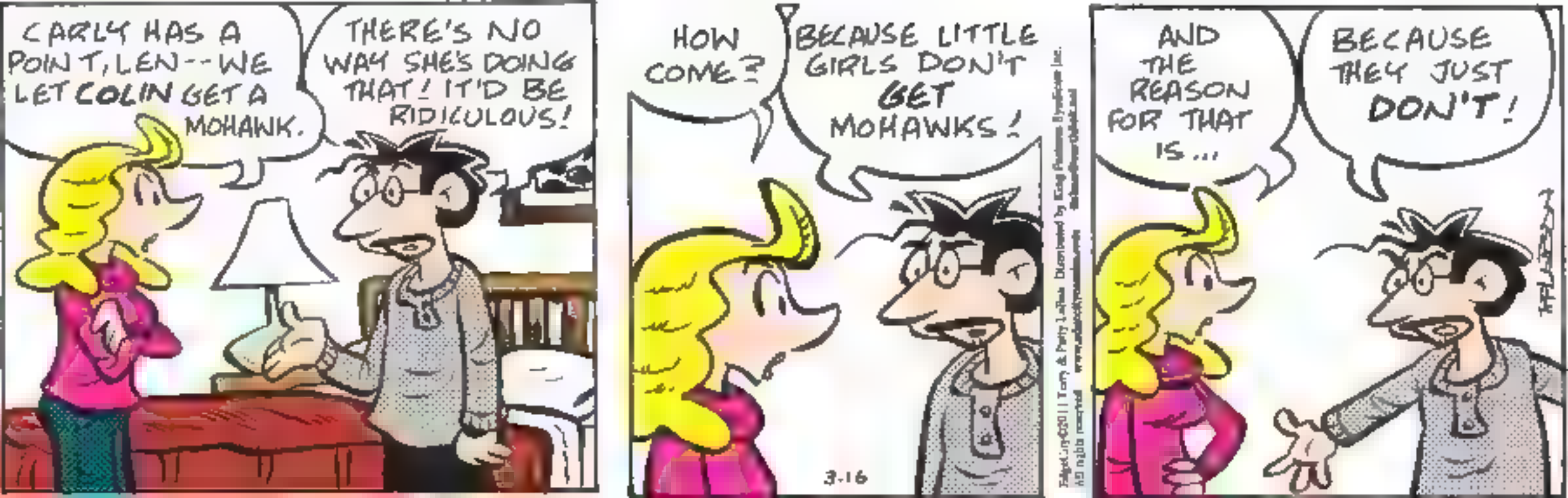

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I THINK ABOUT COLIN'S MOHAWK.
I THINK IT'S AWESOME!
IT REMINDS ME OF MY PUNK DAYS--I HAD ONE JUST LIKE IT!
I WISH YOU'D TOLD COLIN ABOUT THAT BEFORE HE GOT ONE.
WHY? SO WE COULD BOND?
BECAUSE IF HE KNEW IT WAS SOMETHING HIS DAD DID, MAYBE HE WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT IT WAS SO COOL.
3-11

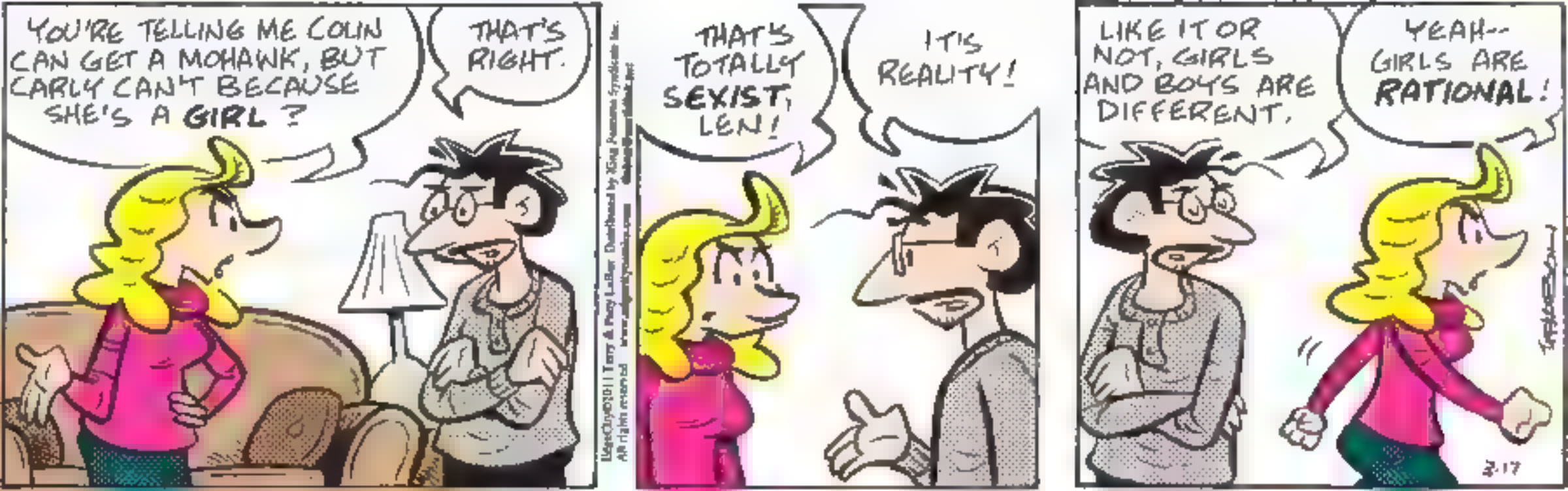

CHECK IT OUT, RAJIV-- MY SON GOT A MOHAWK.
LEMME SEE!
HA! THAT'S PRETTY WILD!
YEAH--HE'S A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK!
DOES THAT MEAN SOON HE'LL BE PARTYING HIS BRAINS OUT IN PUNK CLUBS?
OVER MY DEAD BODY!
SNATCH!
3-12

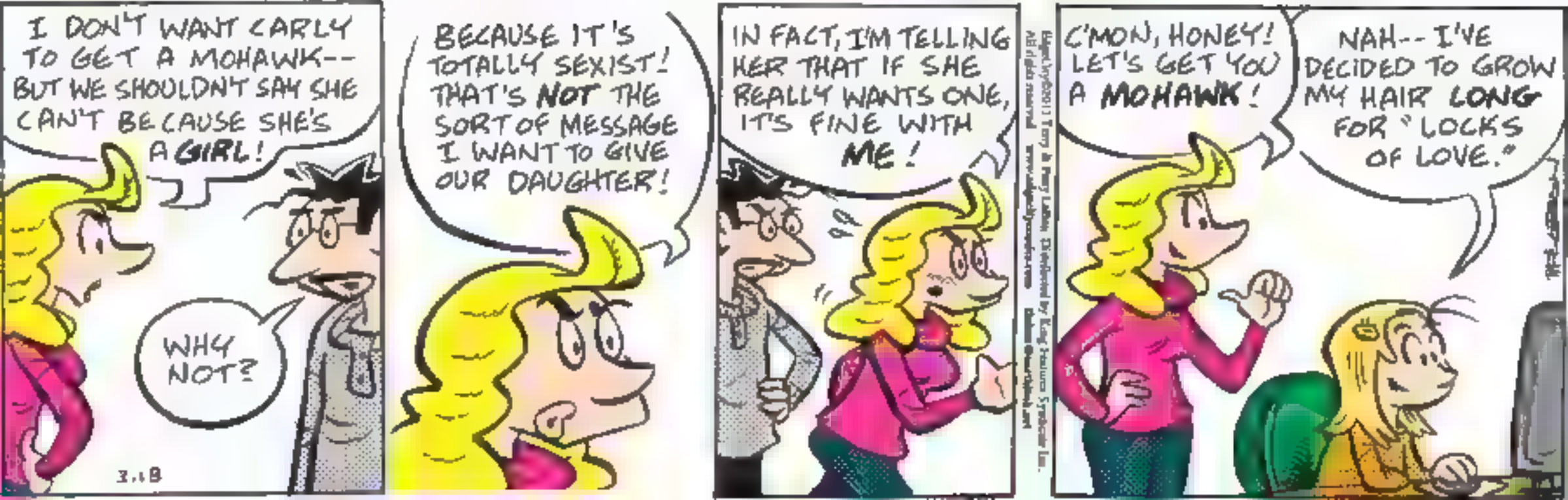

Y'KNOW WHAT WE SHOULD DO TO PROMOTE OUR BUSINESS? GET ON A REALITY SHOW.
A REALITY SHOW?
SURE! HAVEN'T YOU SEEN ANY OF THOSE SHOWS ABOUT SMALL BUSINESSES ON CABLE TV?
THERE ARE SHOWS ABOUT PAWN SHOP OWNERS, EXTERMINATORS, TOW TRUCK DRIVERS... ALL OF THEM GET RICH AND FAMOUS!
YOU THINK PEOPLE WOULD WATCH A REALITY SHOW ABOUT A DELIVERY SERVICE?
WHY NOT? WE COULD DO A SAMPLE EPISODE OURSELVES... MAKE IT "WRECK CHASERS" MEETS "JERSEY SHORE"!
... AND AFTER YOU DELIVER THE PACKAGE, GET IN A FIGHT.
LEADFOOT COURIERS, INC.

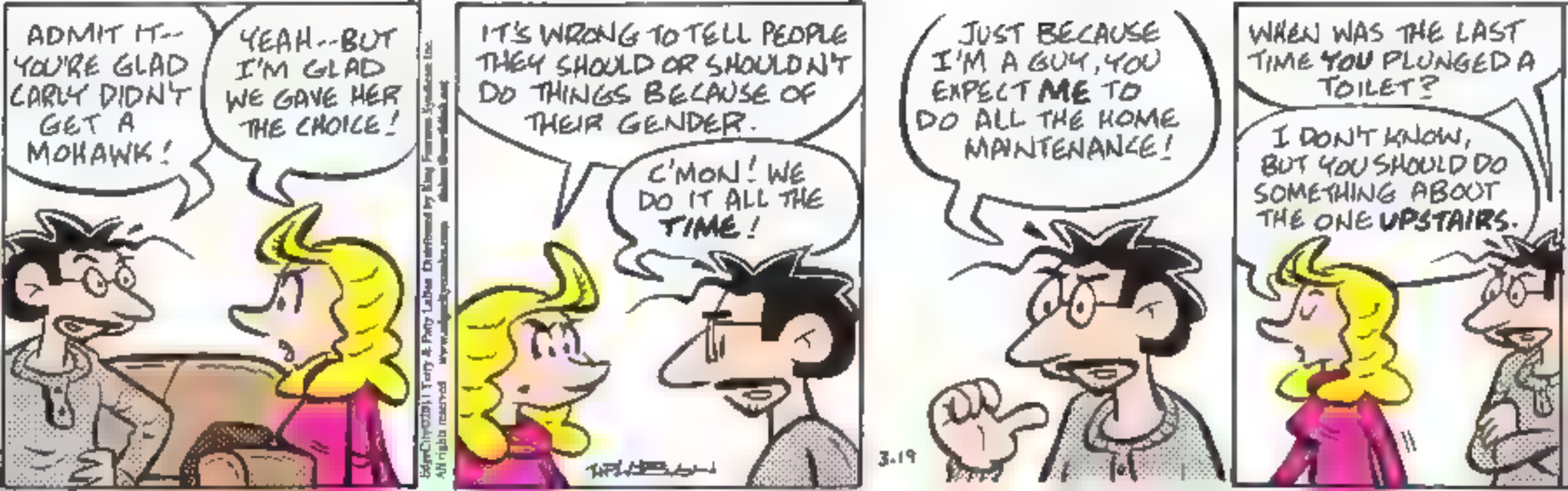

I GOTTA SAY-- COLIN'S MOHAWK LOOKS COOL!
I AM GETTING USED TO IT.
SO, IT WASN'T SUCH A BIG DEAL AFTER ALL?
LET'S JUST SAY ANOTHER PARENTHOOD CHALLENGE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY OVERCOME.
3.14
MOM, DAD-- I WANNA GET A MOHAWK, TOO!

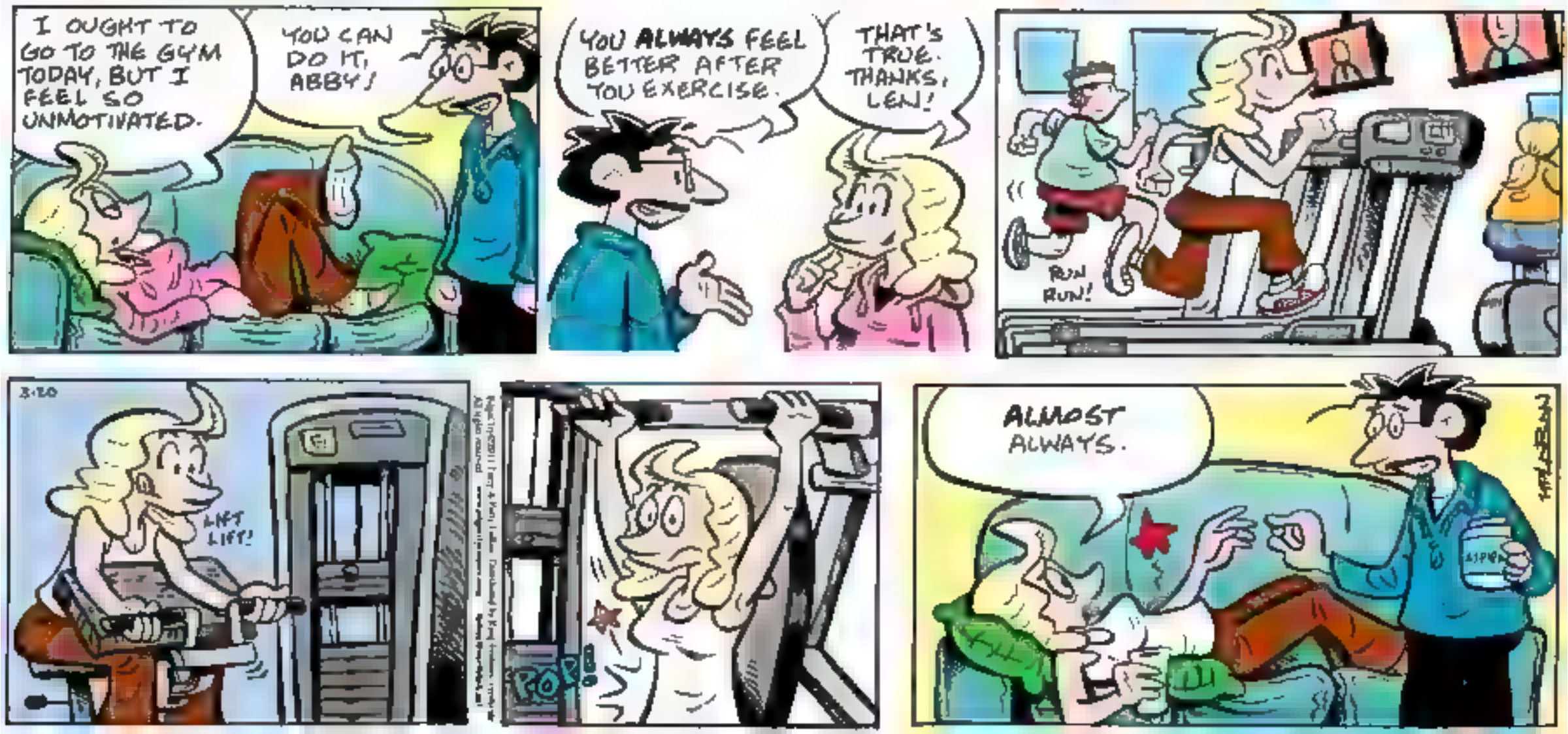

COLIN GOT A MOHAWK! WHY CAN'T I?
YOU'RE A GIRL, HONEY.
SO? GIRLS GET MOHAWKS!
I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY LATELY.
3.15
EVER HEARD OF WILLOW SMITH?
I WHIP MY HAIR BACK AND FORTH...
HEH! SHE IS KIND OF CUTE!
HUMPH!

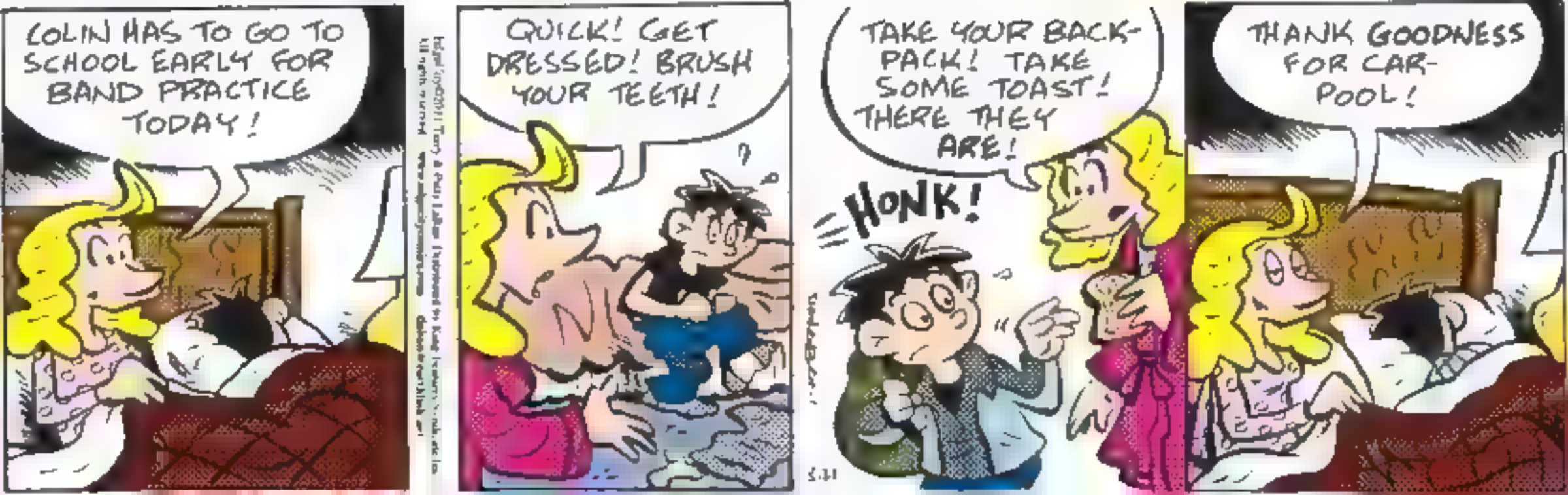

CARLY HAS A POINT, LEN--WE LET COLIN GET A MOHAWK.
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'S DOING THAT! IT'D BE RIDICULOUS!
HOW COME?
BECAUSE LITTLE GIRLS DON'T GET MOHAWKS!
3-16
AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS...
BECAUSE THEY JUST DON'T!

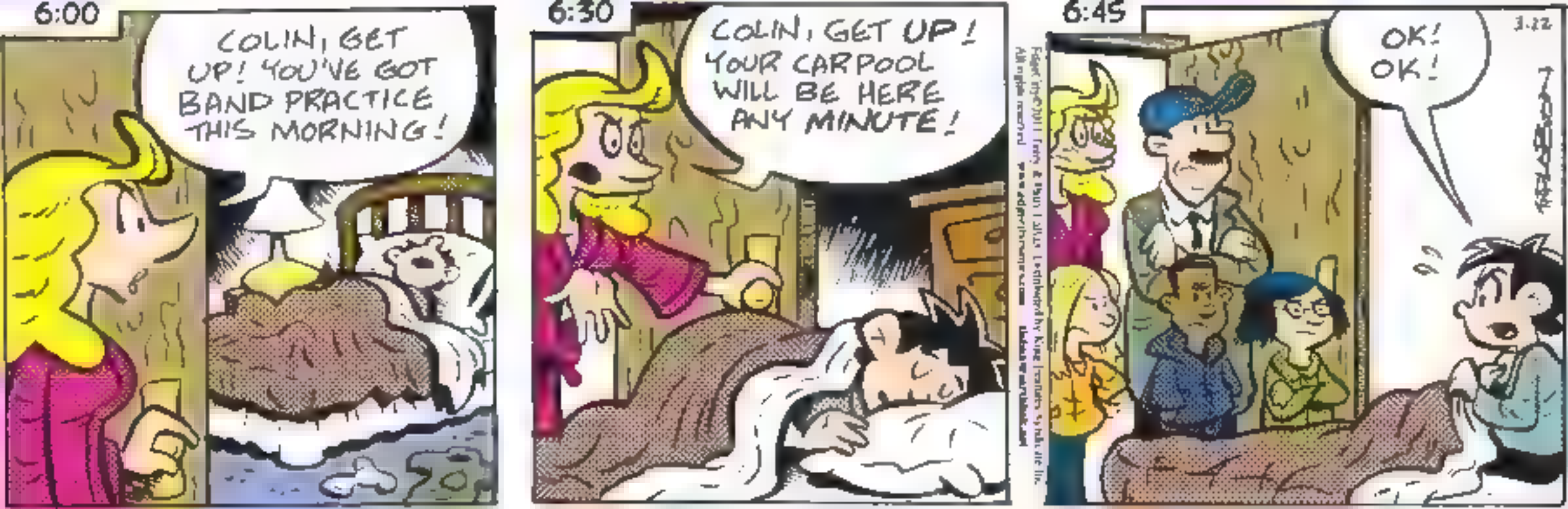

YOU'RE TELLING ME COLIN CAN GET A MOHAWK, BUT CARLY CAN'T BECAUSE SHE'S A GIRL?
THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT'S TOTALLY SEXIST, LEN!
IT'S REALITY!
LIKE IT OR NOT, GIRLS AND BOYS ARE DIFFERENT.
YEAH-- GIRLS ARE RATIONAL!
3-17

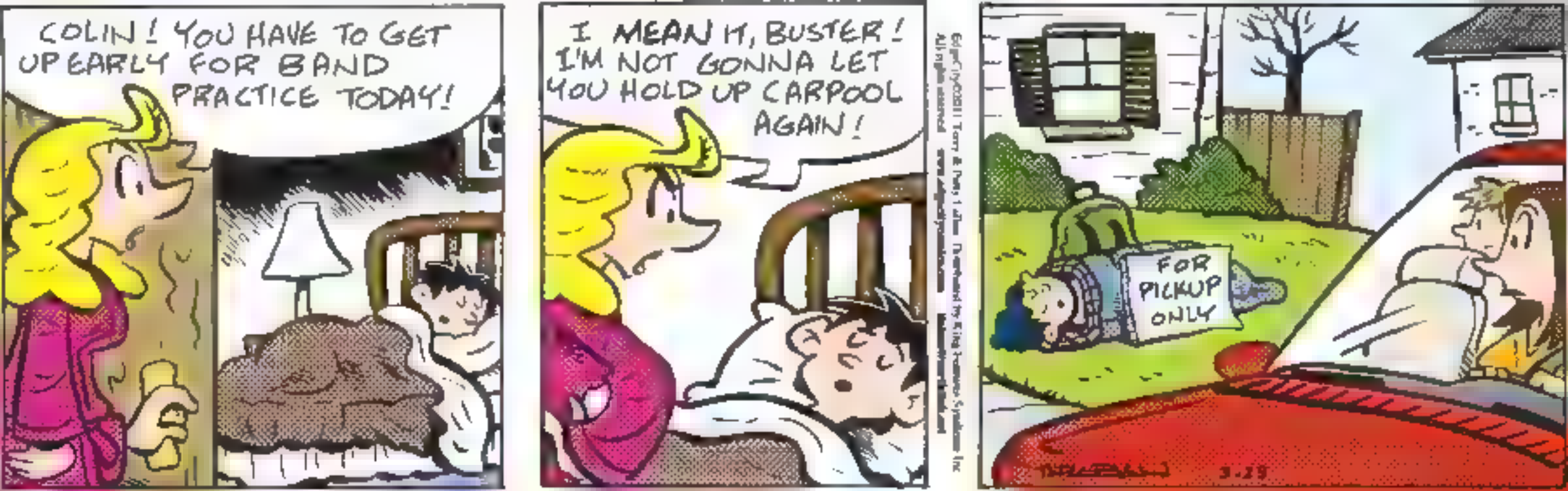

I DON'T WANT CARLY TO GET A MOHAWK-- BUT WE SHOULDN'T SAY SHE CAN'T BECAUSE SHE'S A GIRL!
WHY NOT?
BECAUSE IT'S TOTALLY SEXIST! THAT'S NOT THE SORT OF MESSAGE I WANT TO GIVE OUR DAUGHTER!
IN FACT, I'M TELLING HER THAT IF SHE REALLY WANTS ONE, IT'S FINE WITH ME!
C'MON, HONEY! LET'S GET YOU A MOHAWK!
NAH-- I'VE DECIDED TO GROW MY HAIR LONG FOR "LOCKS OF LOVE."


ADMIT IT-- YOU'RE GLAD CARLY DIDN'T GET A MOHAWK!
YEAH--BUT I'M GLAD WE GAVE HER THE CHOICE!
IT'S WRONG TO TELL PEOPLE THEY SHOULD OR SHOULDN'T DO THINGS BECAUSE OF THEIR GENDER.
C'MON! WE DO IT ALL THE TIME!
JUST BECAUSE I'M A GUY, YOU EXPECT ME TO DO ALL THE HOME MAINTENANCE!
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU PLUNGED A TOILET?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT YOU SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE ONE UPSTAIRS.
3.19

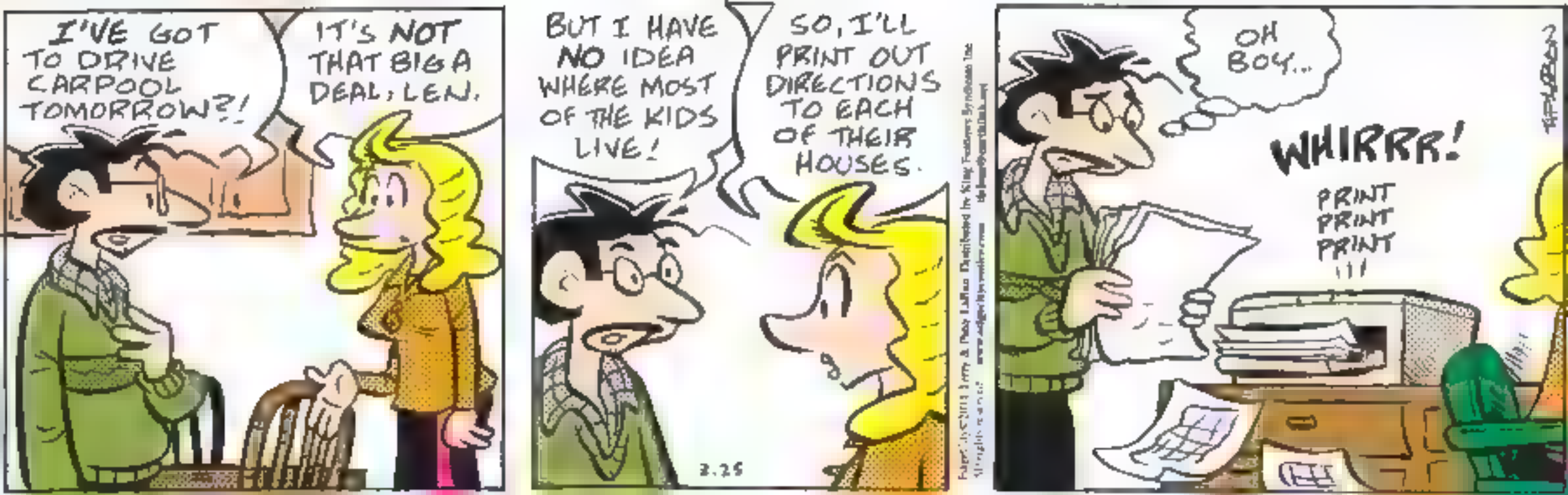

I OUGHT TO GO TO THE GYM TODAY, BUT I FEEL SO UNMOTIVATED.
YOU CAN DO IT, ABBY!
YOU ALWAYS FEEL BETTER AFTER YOU EXERCISE.
THAT'S TRUE. THANKS, LEN!
RUN RUN!
LIFT LIFT!
POP!
ALMOST ALWAYS.

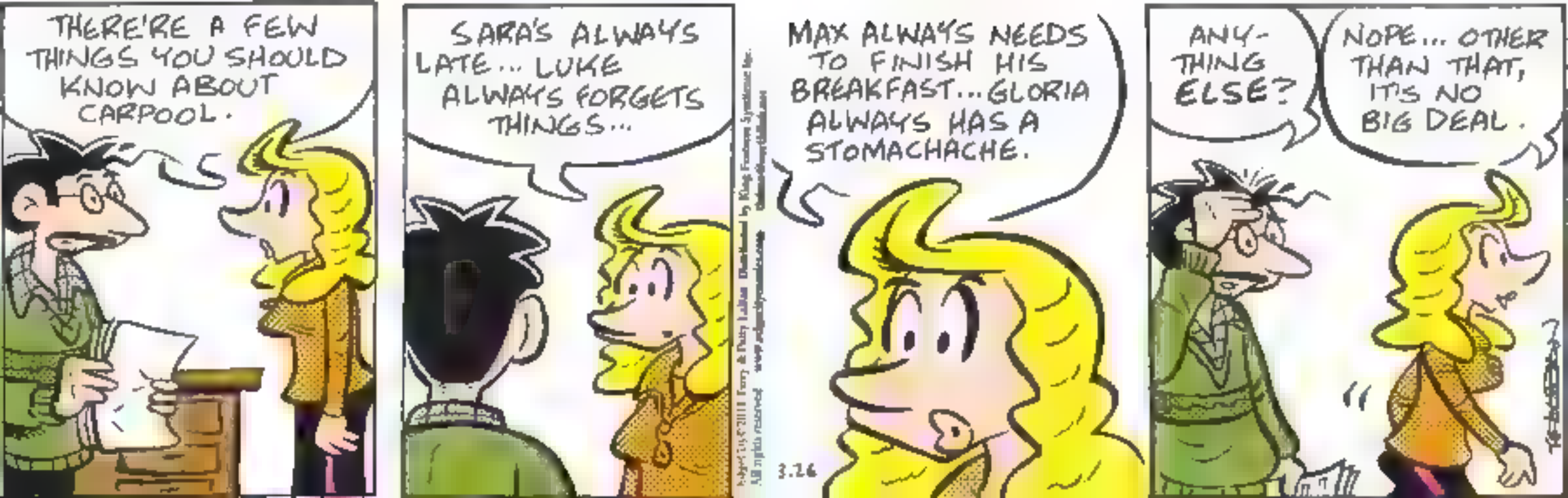

COLIN HAS TO GO TO SCHOOL EARLY FOR BAND PRACTICE TODAY!
QUICK! GET DRESSED! BRUSH YOUR TEETH!
TAKE YOUR BACK-PACK! TAKE SOME TOAST! THERE THEY ARE!
HONK!
THANK GOODNESS FOR CAR-POOL!

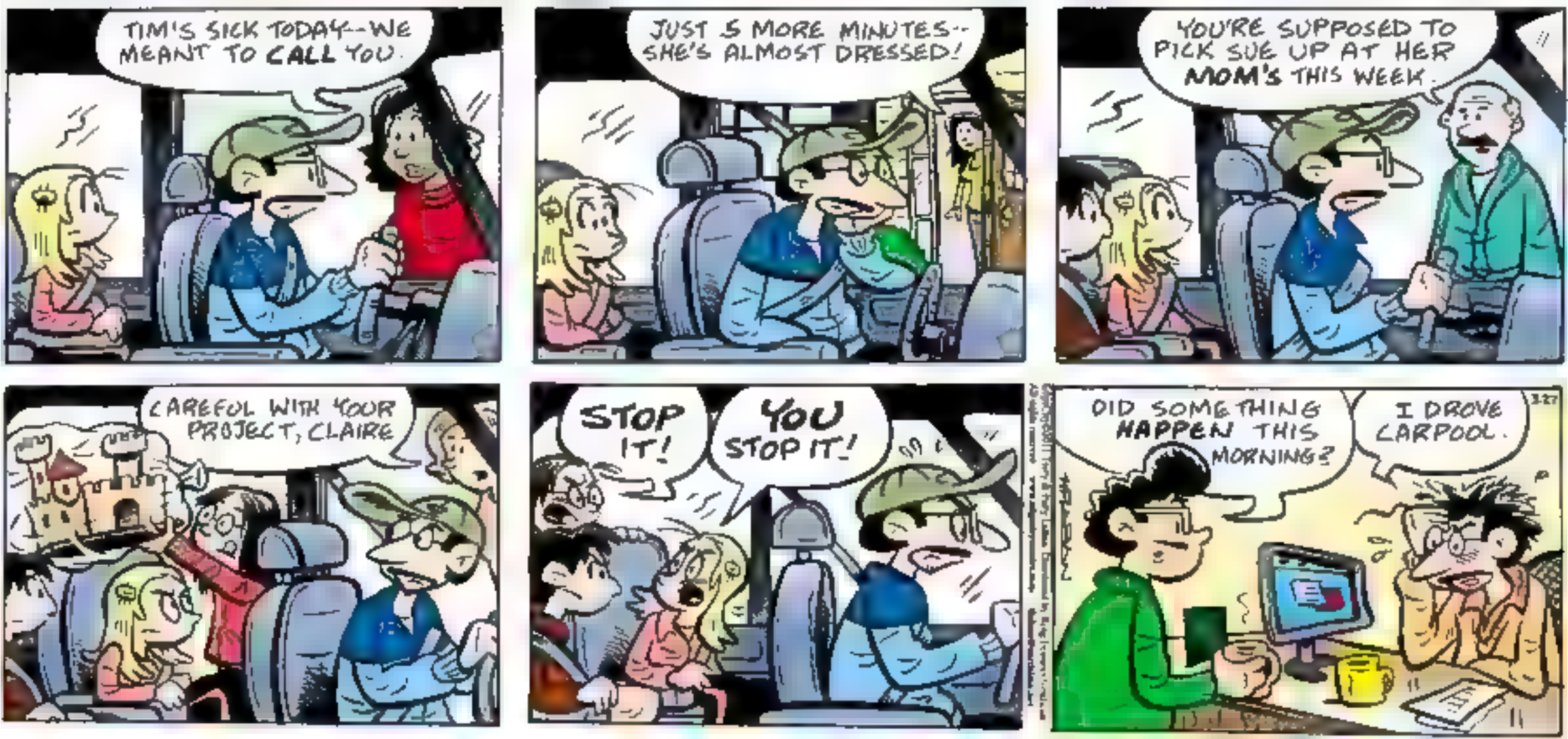

6:00
COLIN, GET UP! YOU'VE GOT BAND PRACTICE THIS MORNING!
6:30
COLIN, GET UP! YOUR CARPOOL WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE!
6:45
OK! OK!

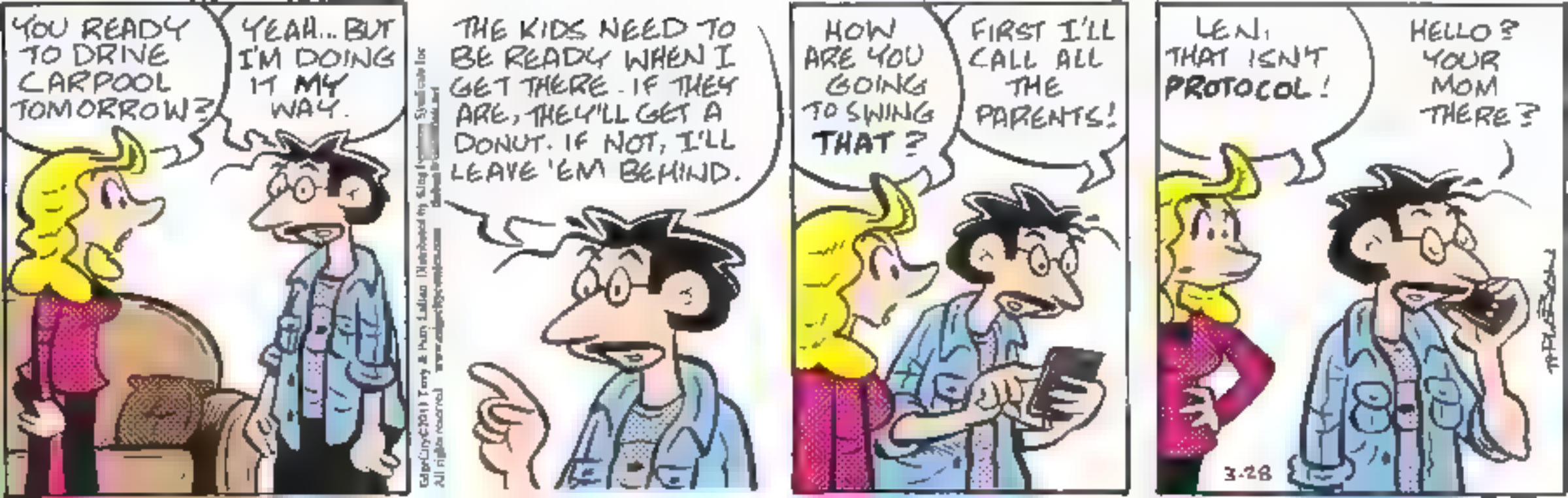

COLIN! YOU HAVE TO GET UP EARLY FOR BAND PRACTICE TODAY!
I MEAN IT, BUSTER! I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU HOLD UP CARPOOL AGAIN!
FOR PICKUP ONLY
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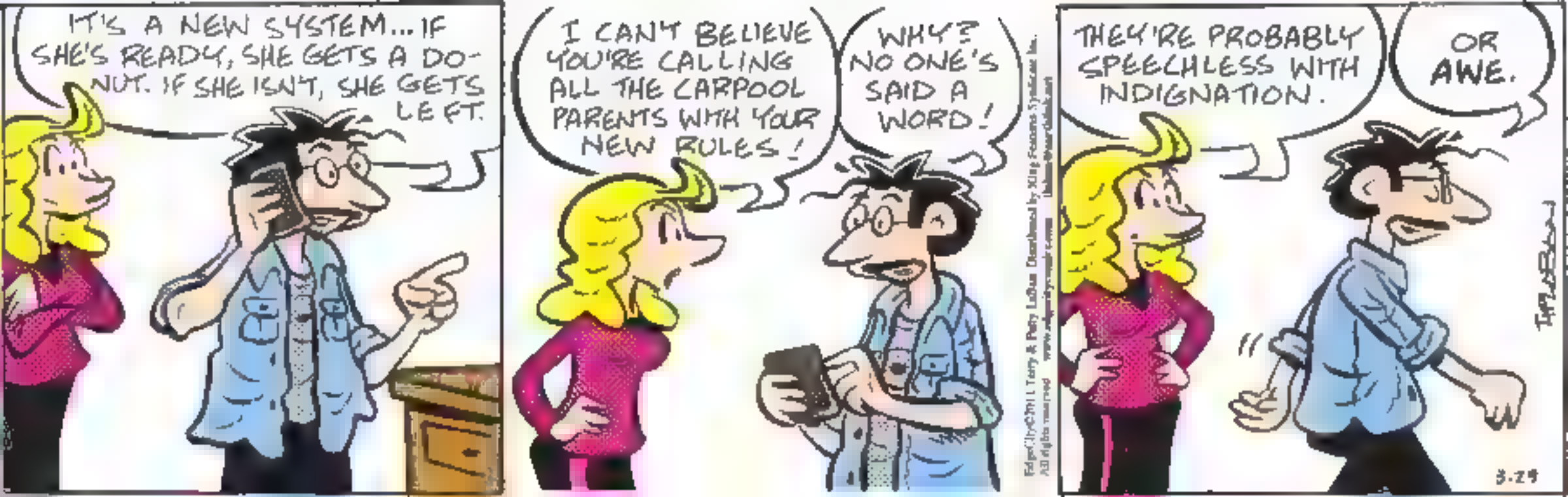

WE DRIVE CARPOOL FOR SCHOOL BAND TOMORROW.
OH YEAH?
3-14
GUESS YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO GET UP EXTRA EARLY, HUH?
I'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT AT 7:30A.M.
YOU HAVE TO DO IT.
WHAT?!

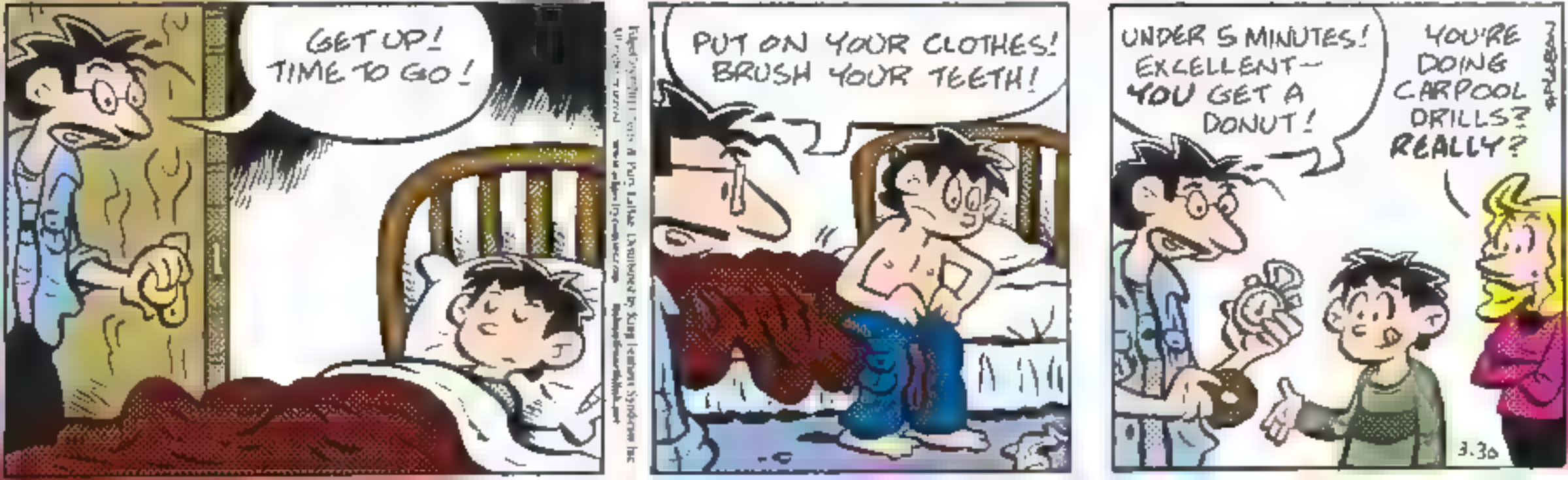

I'VE GOT TO DRIVE CARPOOL TOMORROW?!
IT'S NOT THAT BIG A DEAL, LEN.
BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE MOST OF THE KIDS LIVE!
SO, I'LL PRINT OUT DIRECTIONS TO EACH OF THEIR HOUSES.
3.25
OH BOY...
WHIRRR!
PRINT PRINT PRINT !!!

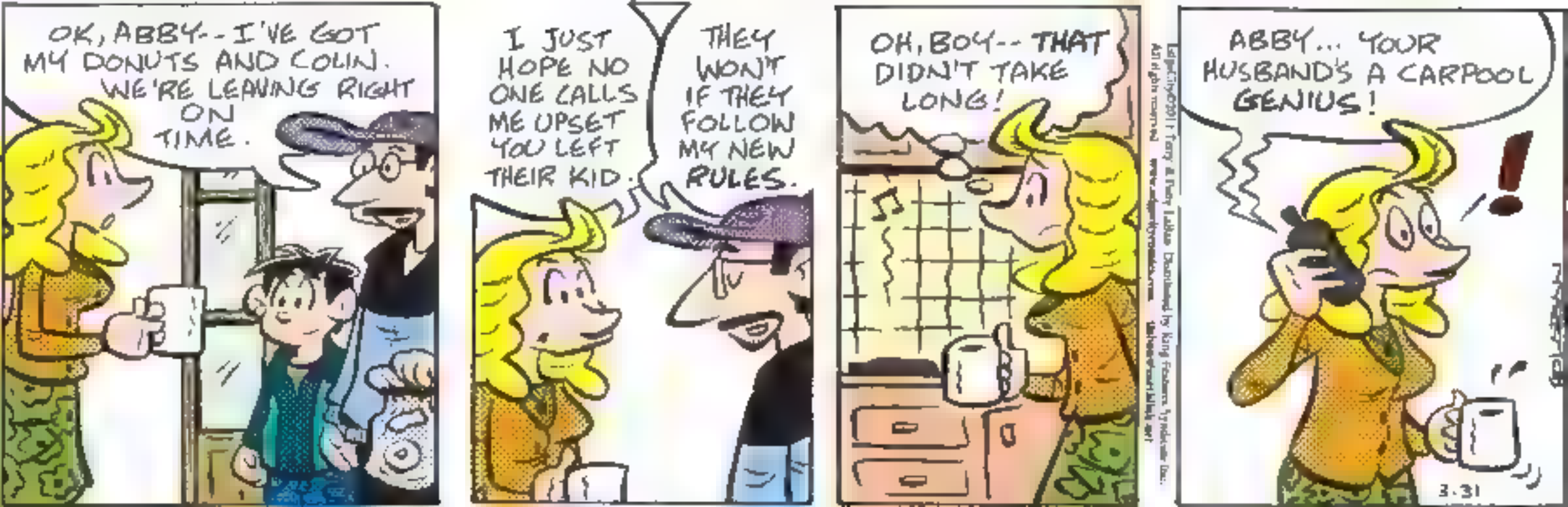

THERE'RE A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CARPOOL.
SARA'S ALWAYS LATE... LUKE ALWAYS FORGETS THINGS...
MAX ALWAYS NEEDS TO FINISH HIS BREAKFAST... GLORIA ALWAYS HAS A STOMACHACHE.
ANY-THING ELSE?
NOPE... OTHER THAN THAT, IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
3.26

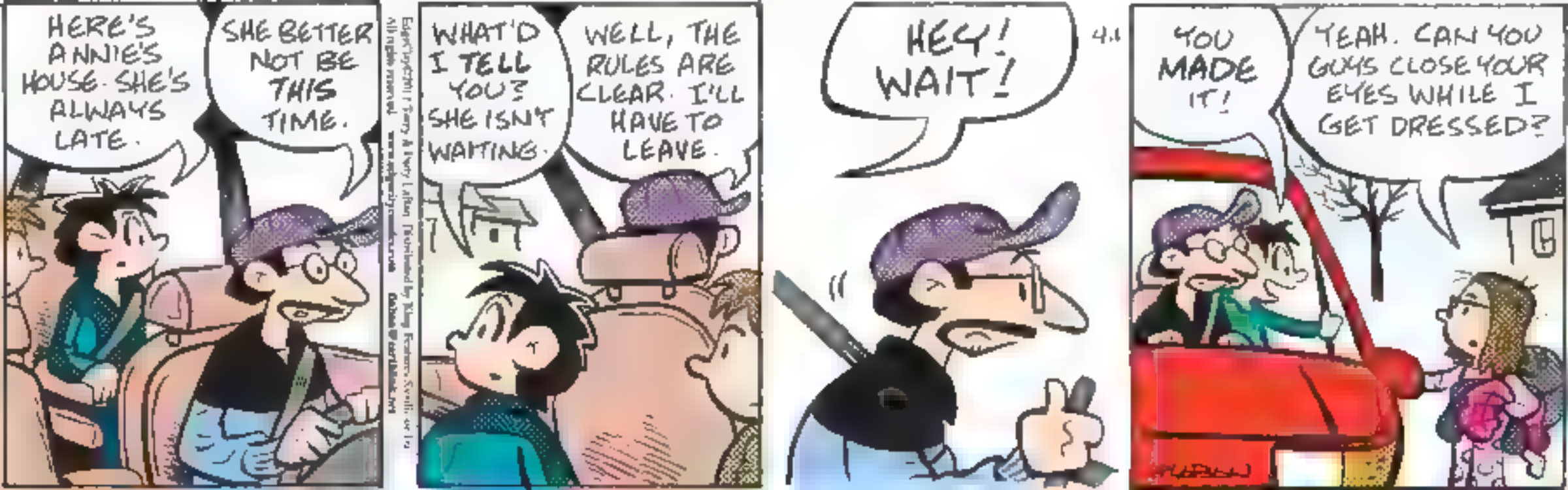

TIM'S SICK TODAY--WE MEANT TO CALL YOU.
JUST 5 MORE MINUTES--SHE'S ALMOST DRESSED!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PICK SUE UP AT HER MOM'S THIS WEEK.
CAREFUL WITH YOUR PROJECT, CLAIRE
STOP IT!
YOU STOP IT!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN THIS MORNING?
I DROVE CARPOOL.

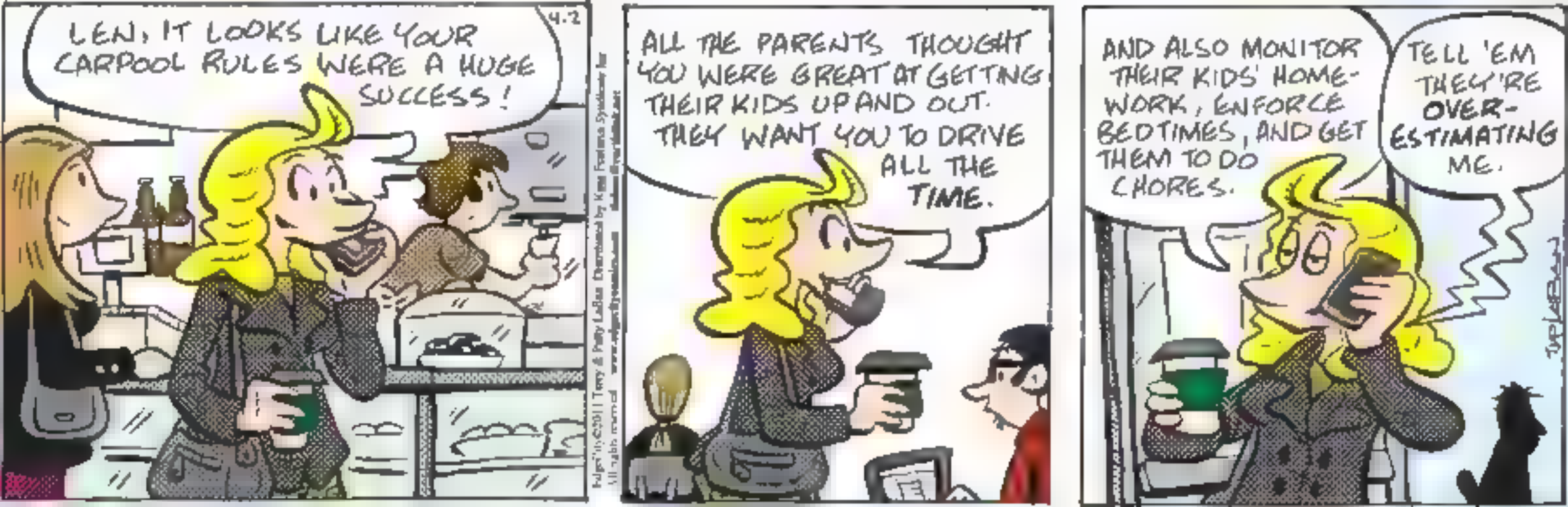

YOU READY TO DRIVE CARPOOL TOMORROW?
YEAH... BUT I'M DOING IT MY WAY.
THE KIDS NEED TO BE READY WHEN I GET THERE. IF THEY ARE, THEY'LL GET A DONUT. IF NOT, I'LL LEAVE 'EM BEHIND.
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SWING THAT?
FIRST I'LL CALL ALL THE PARENTS!
LEN, THAT ISN'T PROTOCOL!
HELLO? YOUR MOM THERE?
3-28

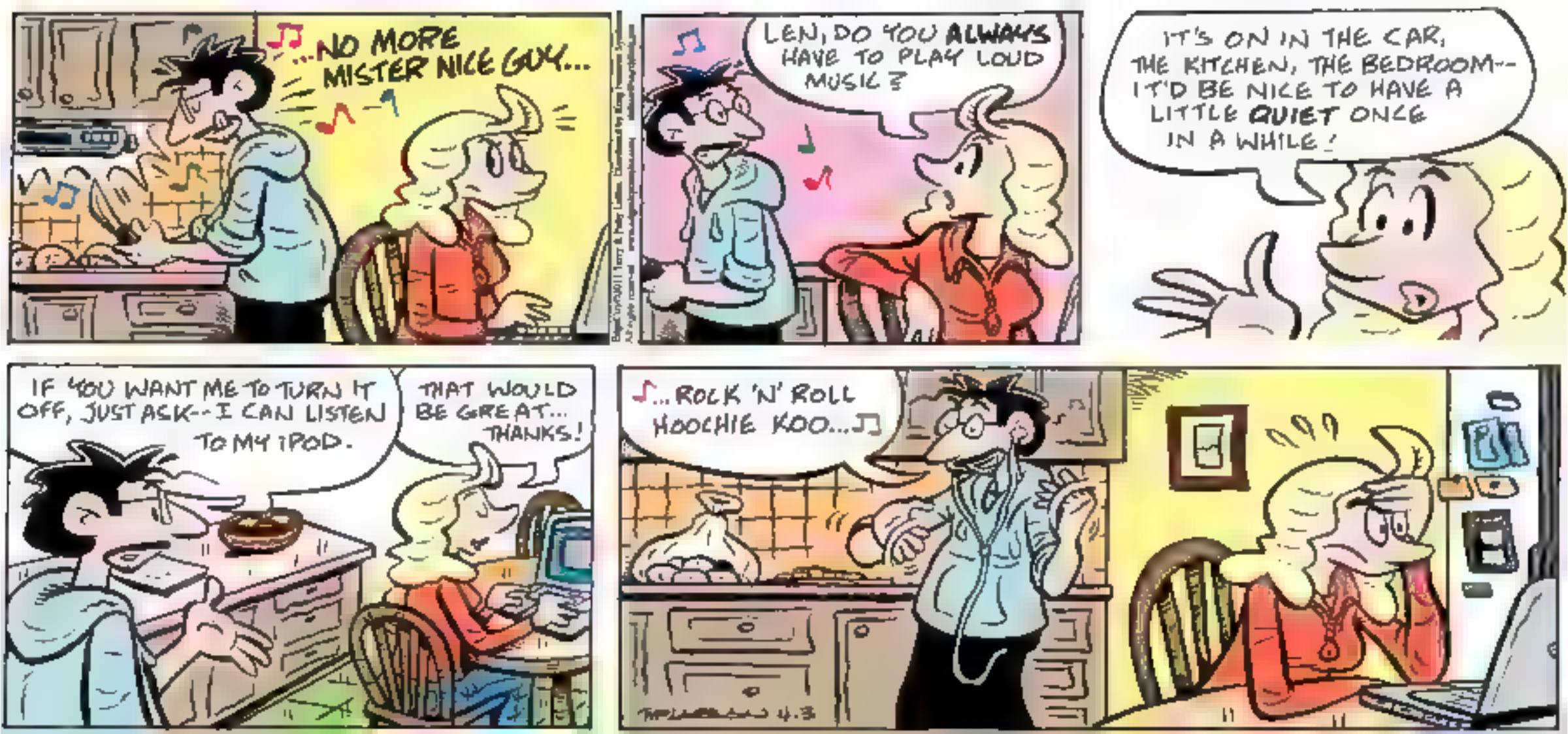

IT'S A NEW SYSTEM... IF SHE'S READY, SHE GETS A DO-NUT. IF SHE ISN'T, SHE GETS LEFT.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE CALLING ALL THE CARPOOL PARENTS WITH YOUR NEW RULES!
WHY? NO ONE'S SAID A WORD!
THEY'RE PROBABLY SPEECHLESS WITH INDIGNATION.
OR AWE.
3-29

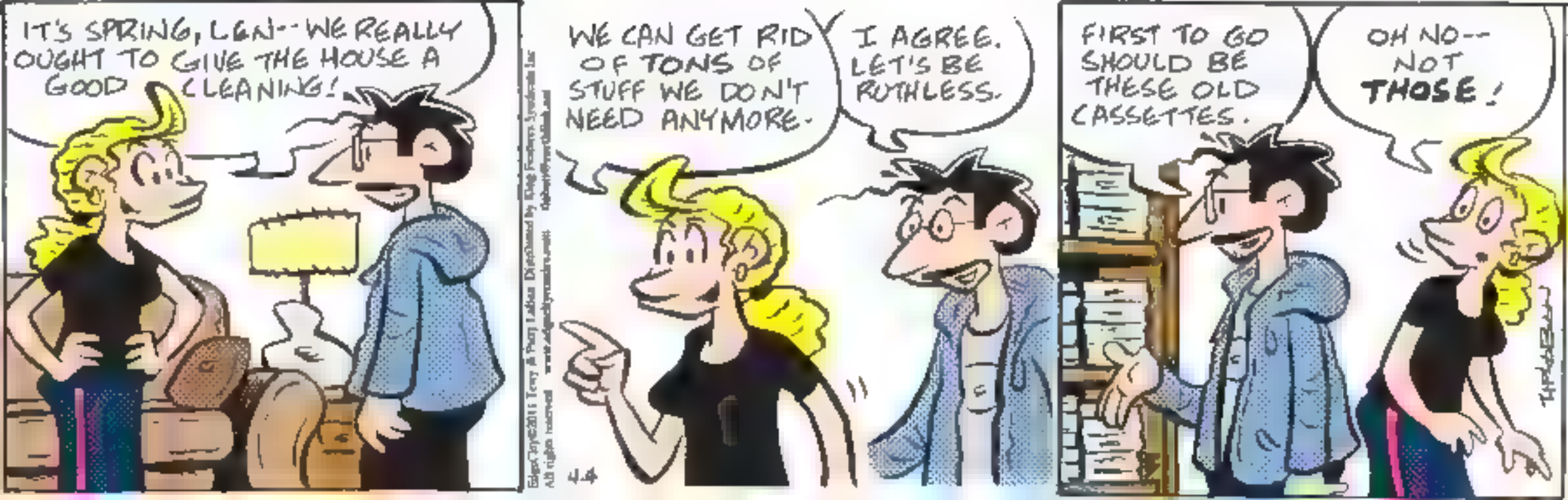

GET UP! TIME TO GO!
PUT ON YOUR CLOTHES! BRUSH YOUR TEETH!
UNDER 5 MINUTES! EXCELLENT— YOU GET A DONUT!
YOU'RE DOING CARPOOL DRILLS? REALLY?
3.30


OK, ABBY--I'VE GOT MY DONUTS AND COLIN. WE'RE LEAVING RIGHT ON TIME.
I JUST HOPE NO ONE CALLS ME UPSET YOU LEFT THEIR KID.
THEY WON'T IF THEY FOLLOW MY NEW RULES.
OH, BOY--THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG!
ABBY... YOUR HUSBAND'S A CARPOOL GENIUS!
3-31

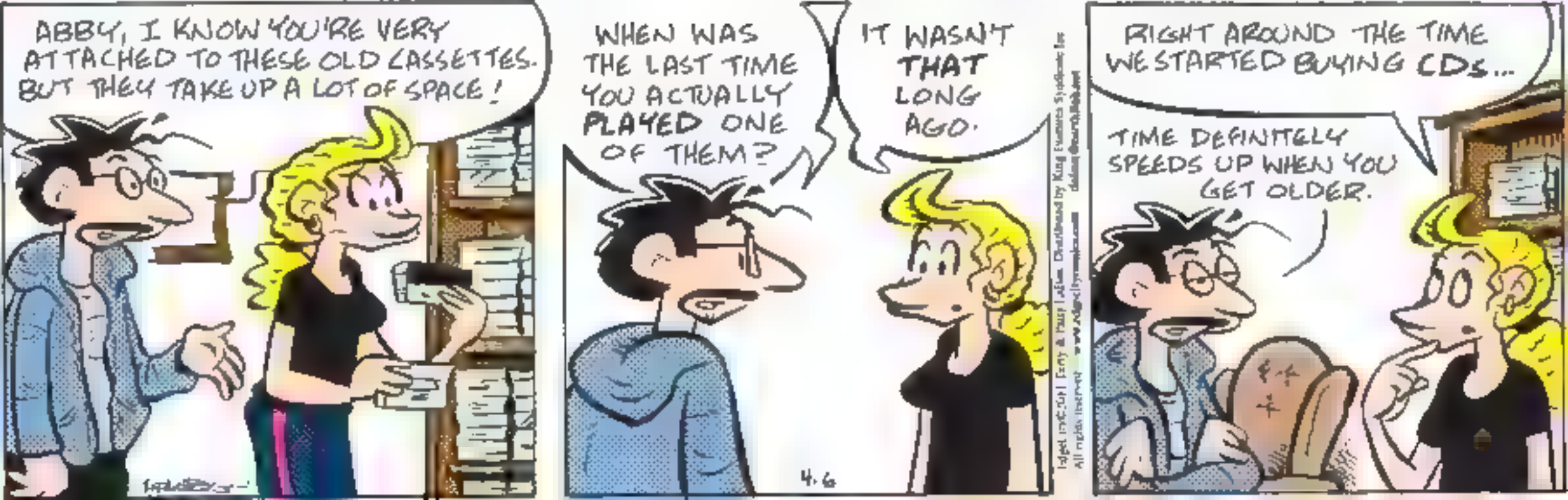

HERE'S ANNIE'S HOUSE. SHE'S ALWAYS LATE.
SHE BETTER NOT BE THIS TIME.
WHAT'D I TELL YOU? SHE ISN'T WAITING.
WELL, THE RULES ARE CLEAR. I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE.
HEY! WAIT!
4.1
YOU MADE IT!
YEAH. CAN YOU GUYS CLOSE YOUR EYES WHILE I GET DRESSED?

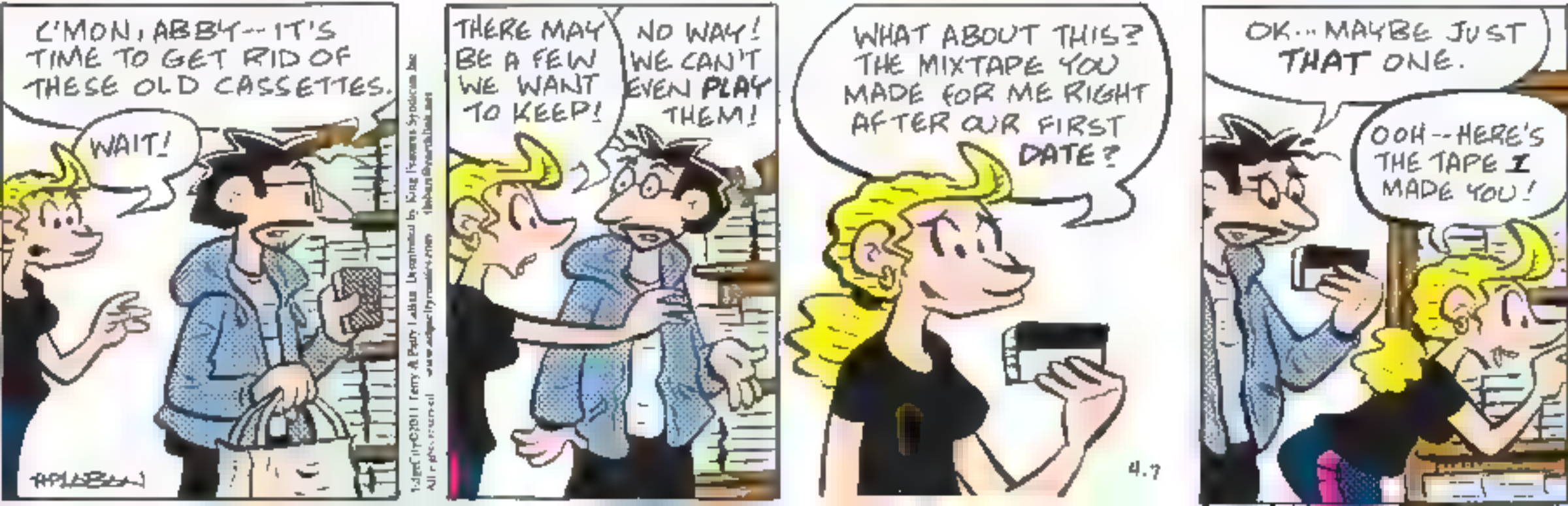

LEN, IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR CARPOOL RULES WERE A HUGE SUCCESS!
4.2
ALL THE PARENTS THOUGHT YOU WERE GREAT AT GETTING THEIR KIDS UP AND OUT. THEY WANT YOU TO DRIVE ALL THE TIME.
AND ALSO MONITOR THEIR KIDS' HOMEWORK, ENFORCE BEDTIMES, AND GET THEM TO DO CHORES.
TELL 'EM THEY'RE OVER-ESTIMATING ME.

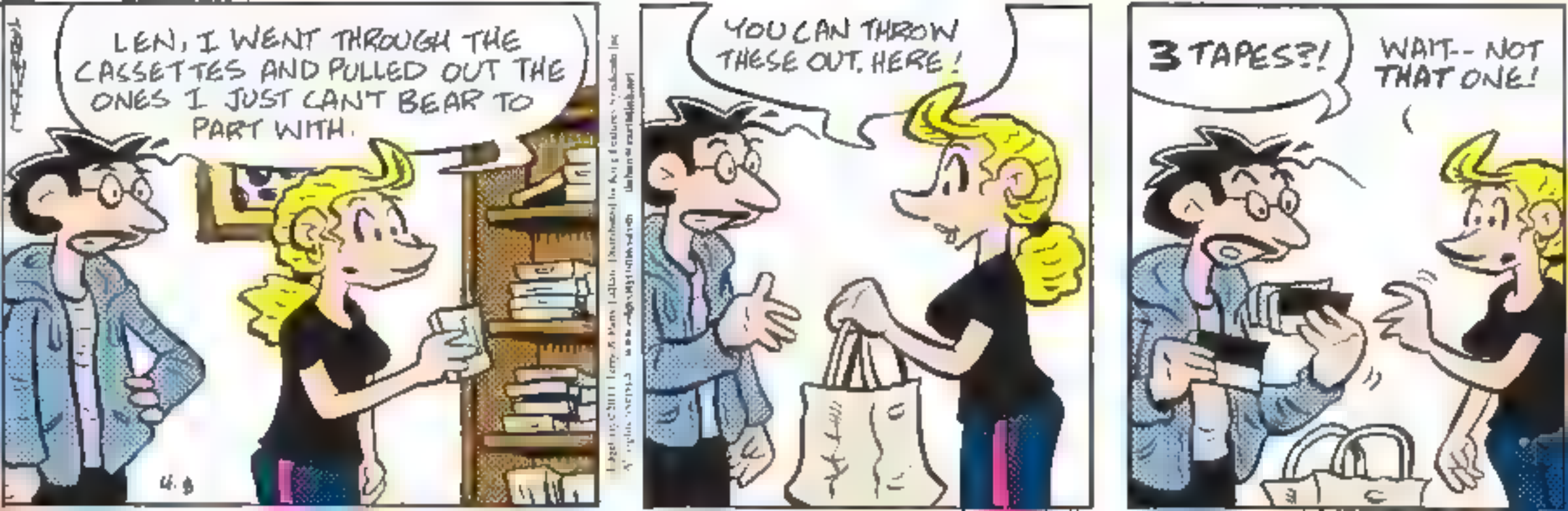

...NO MORE MISTER NICE GUY...
LEN, DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO PLAY LOUD MUSIC?
IT'S ON IN THE CAR, THE KITCHEN, THE BEDROOM-- I'D BE NICE TO HAVE A LITTLE QUIET ONCE IN A WHILE!
IF YOU WANT ME TO TURN IT OFF, JUST ASK--I CAN LISTEN TO MY IPOD.
THAT WOULD BE GREAT... THANKS!
...ROCK 'N' ROLL HOOCHIE KOO...

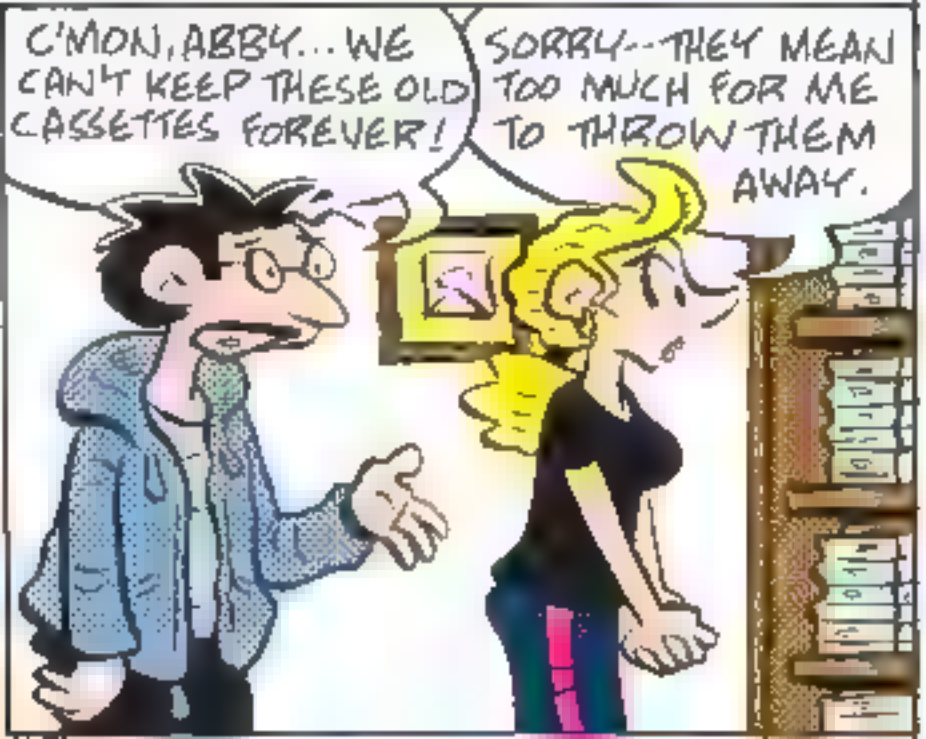

IT'S SPRING, LEN-- WE REALLY OUGHT TO GIVE THE HOUSE A GOOD CLEANING!
WE CAN GET RID OF TONS OF STUFF WE DON'T NEED ANYMORE.
I AGREE. LET'S BE RUTHLESS.
FIRST TO GO SHOULD BE THESE OLD CASSETTES.
OH NO-- NOT THOSE!
4.4


ABBY, IT'S TIME TO GET RID OF THESE OLD CASSETTE TAPES.
BUT, LEN-- THEY USED TO MEAN SO MUCH TO US!
THERE ARE MIXTAPES PEOPLE MADE US... LONG-GONE BANDS WE USED TO SEE... RECORDS I LOVED AS A TEEN...
WHAT IF WE WANTED TO LISTEN TO THEM AGAIN?
THEN WE'D NEED SOMETHING TO PLAY THEM ON.
4-5

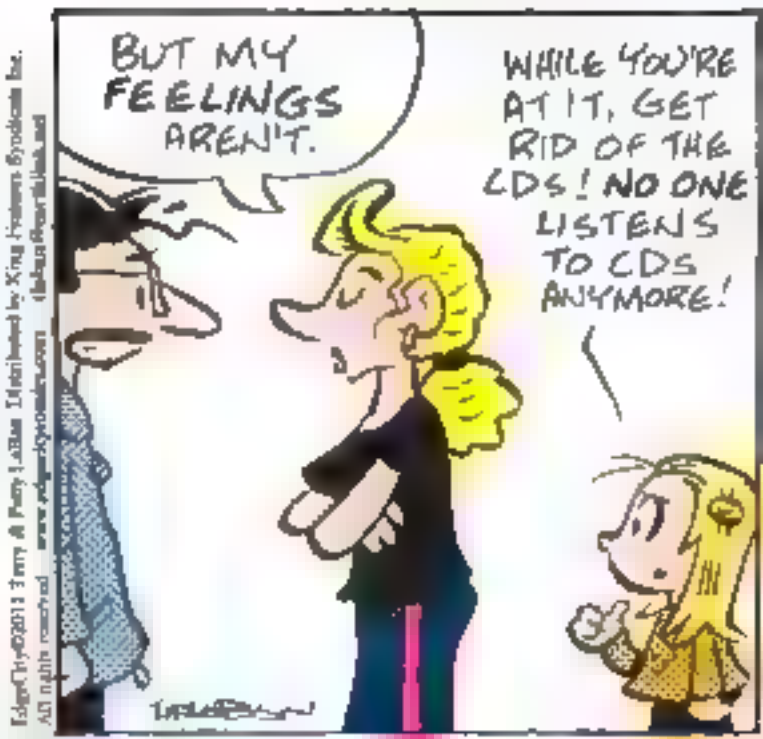

ABBY, I KNOW YOU'RE VERY ATTACHED TO THESE OLD CASSETTES. BUT THEY TAKE UP A LOT OF SPACE!
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU ACTUALLY PLAYED ONE OF THEM?
IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO.
4-6
RIGHT AROUND THE TIME WE STARTED BUYING CDs...
TIME DEFINITELY SPEEDS UP WHEN YOU GET OLDER.

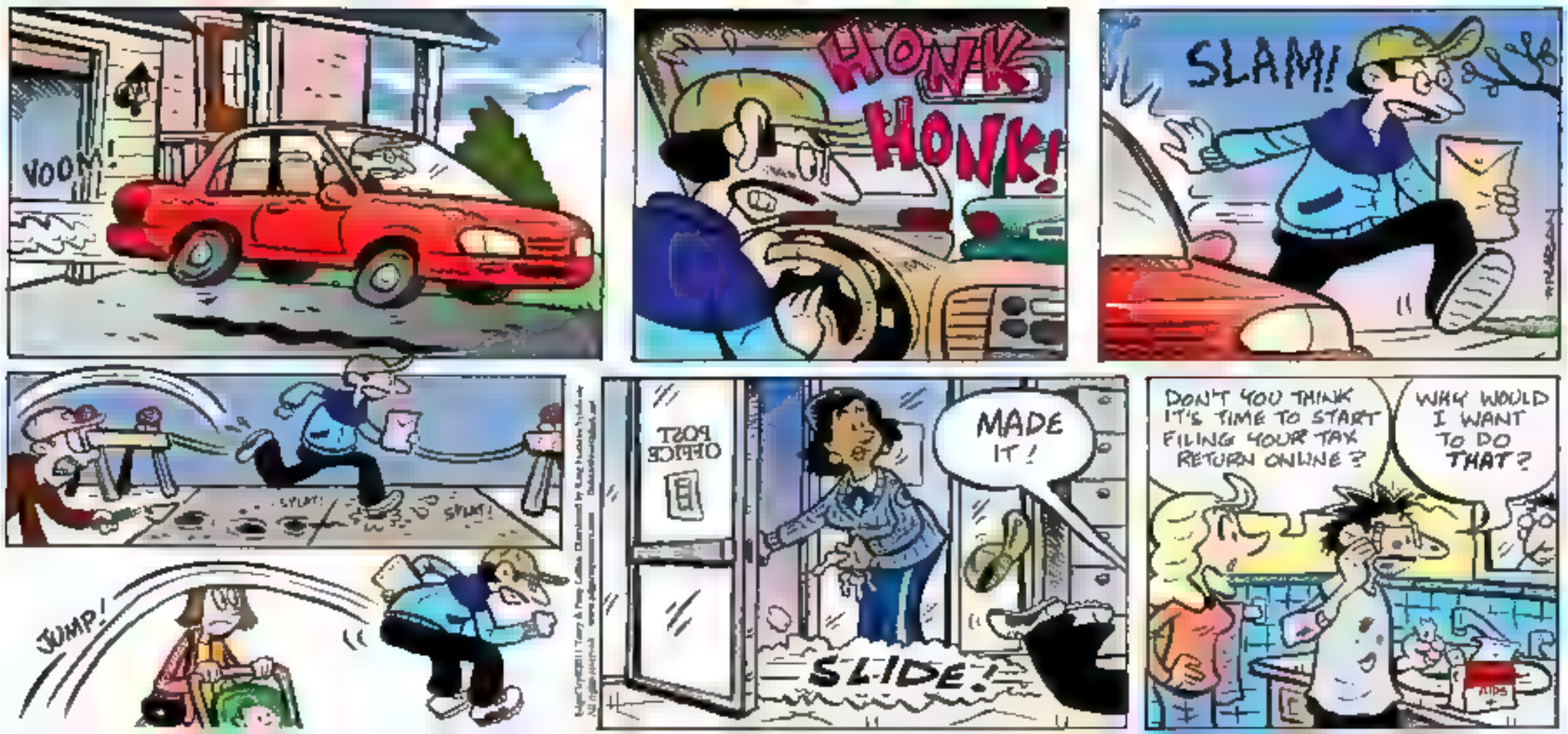

C'MON, ABBY -- IT'S TIME TO GET RID OF THESE OLD CASSETTES.
WAIT!
THERE MAY BE A FEW WE WANT TO KEEP!
NO WAY! WE CAN'T EVEN PLAY THEM!
WHAT ABOUT THIS? THE MIXTAPE YOU MADE FOR ME RIGHT AFTER OUR FIRST DATE?
4.7
OK... MAYBE JUST THAT ONE.
OOH -- HERE'S THE TAPE I MADE YOU!

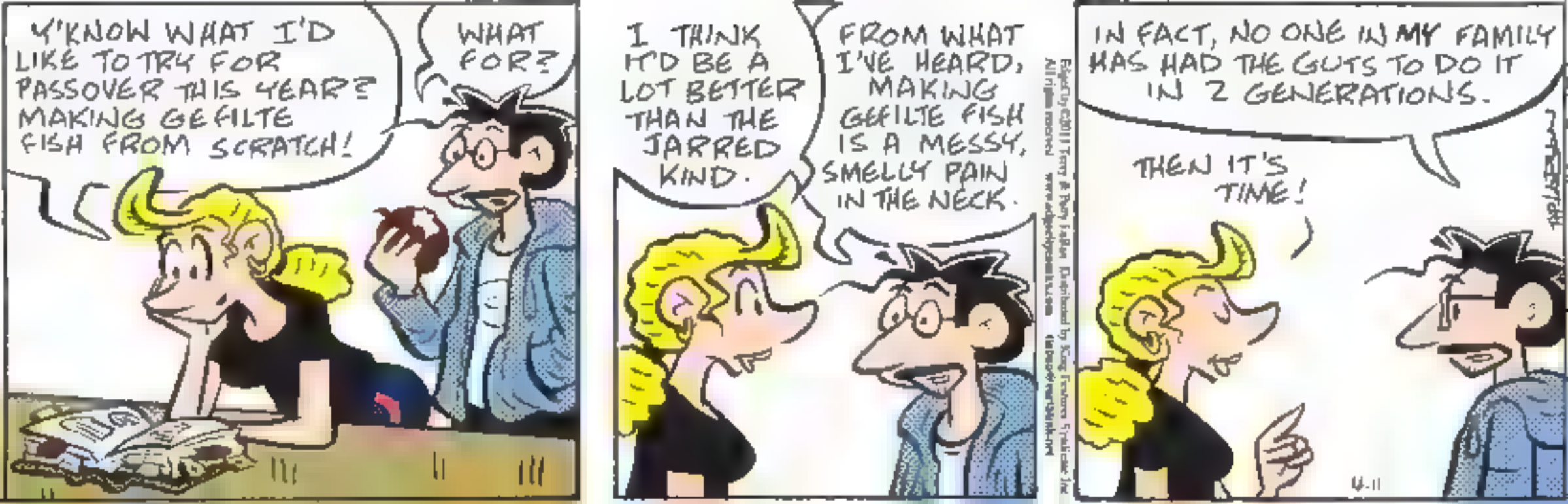

LEN, I WENT THROUGH THE CASSETTES AND PULLED OUT THE ONES I JUST CAN'T BEAR TO PART WITH.
YOU CAN THROW THESE OUT. HERE!
3 TAPES?!
WAIT-- NOT THAT ONE!

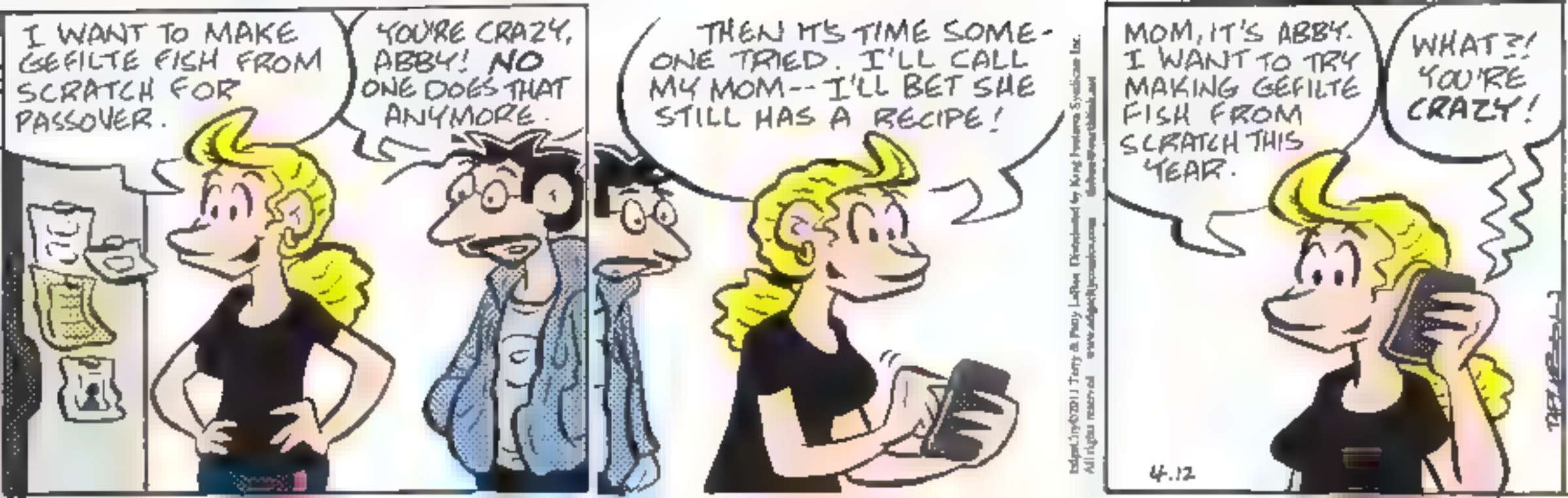

C'MON, ABBY... WE CAN'T KEEP THESE OLD CASSETTES FOREVER!
SORRY--THEY MEAN TOO MUCH FOR ME TO THROW THEM AWAY.

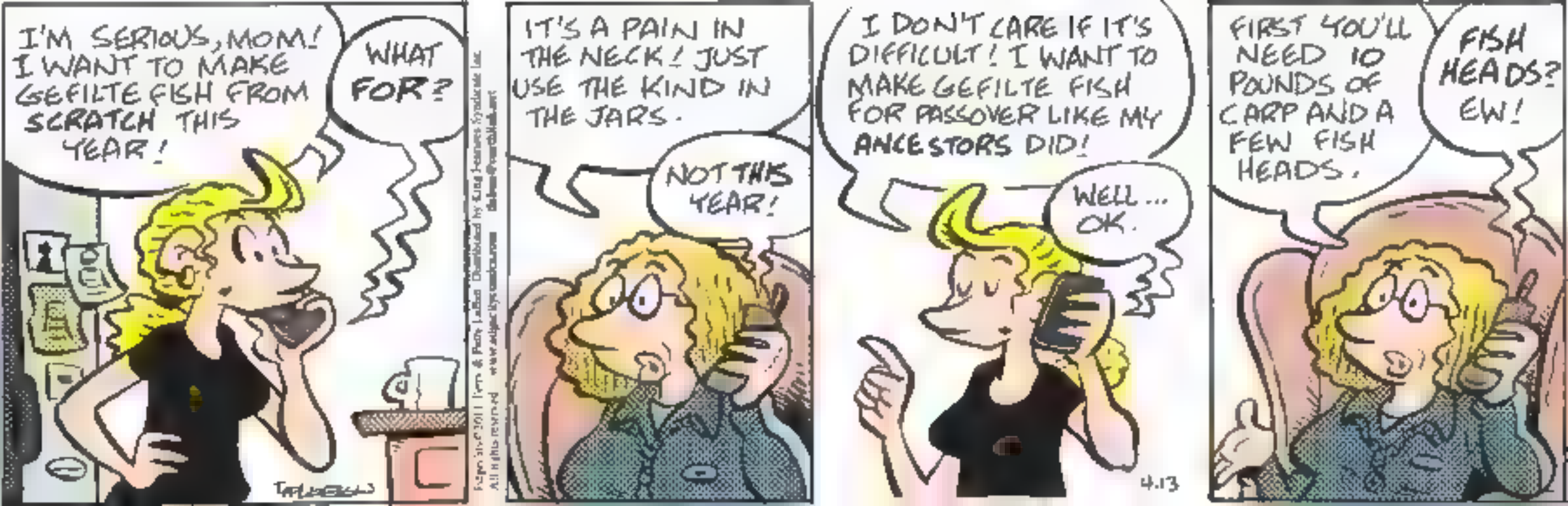

WE CAN'T EVEN LISTEN TO THEM. THE TECHNOLOGY IS OBSOLETE!
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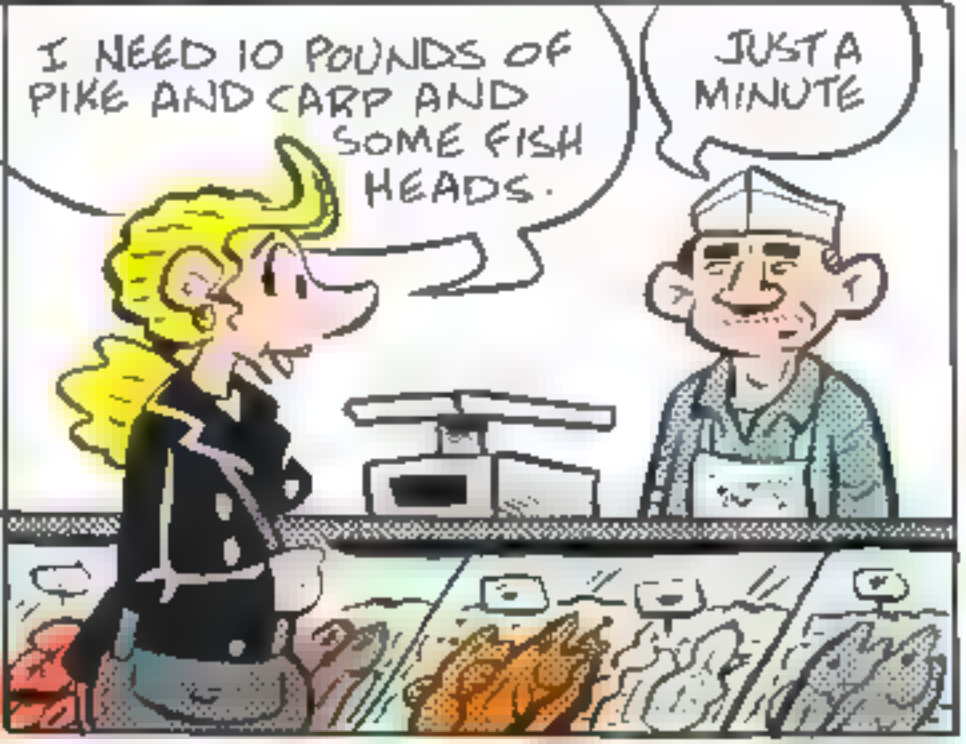

BUT MY FEELINGS AREN'T.
WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, GET RID OF THE CDS! NO ONE LISTENS TO CDS ANYMORE!


VOOM!
HONK HONK!
SLAM!
SPLAT!
SPLAT!
JUMP!
POST OFFICE
MADE IT!
SLIDE!
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME TO START FILING YOUR TAX RETURN ONLINE?
WHY WOULD I WANT TO DO THAT?


Y'KNOW WHAT I'D LIKE TO TRY FOR PASSOVER THIS YEAR? MAKING GEFILTE FISH FROM SCRATCH!
WHAT FOR?
I THINK IT'D BE A LOT BETTER THAN THE JARRED KIND.
FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, MAKING GEFILTE FISH IS A MESSY, SMELLY PAIN IN THE NECK.
IN FACT, NO ONE IN MY FAMILY HAS HAD THE GUTS TO DO IT IN 2 GENERATIONS.
THEN IT'S TIME!
4-11


I WANT TO MAKE GEFILTE FISH FROM SCRATCH FOR PASSOVER.
YOU'RE CRAZY, ABBY! NO ONE DOES THAT ANYMORE.
THEN IT'S TIME SOMEONE TRIED. I'LL CALL MY MOM--I'LL BET SHE STILL HAS A RECIPE!
MOM, IT'S ABBY. I WANT TO TRY MAKING GEFILTE FISH FROM SCRATCH THIS YEAR.
WHAT?! YOU'RE CRAZY!
4.12
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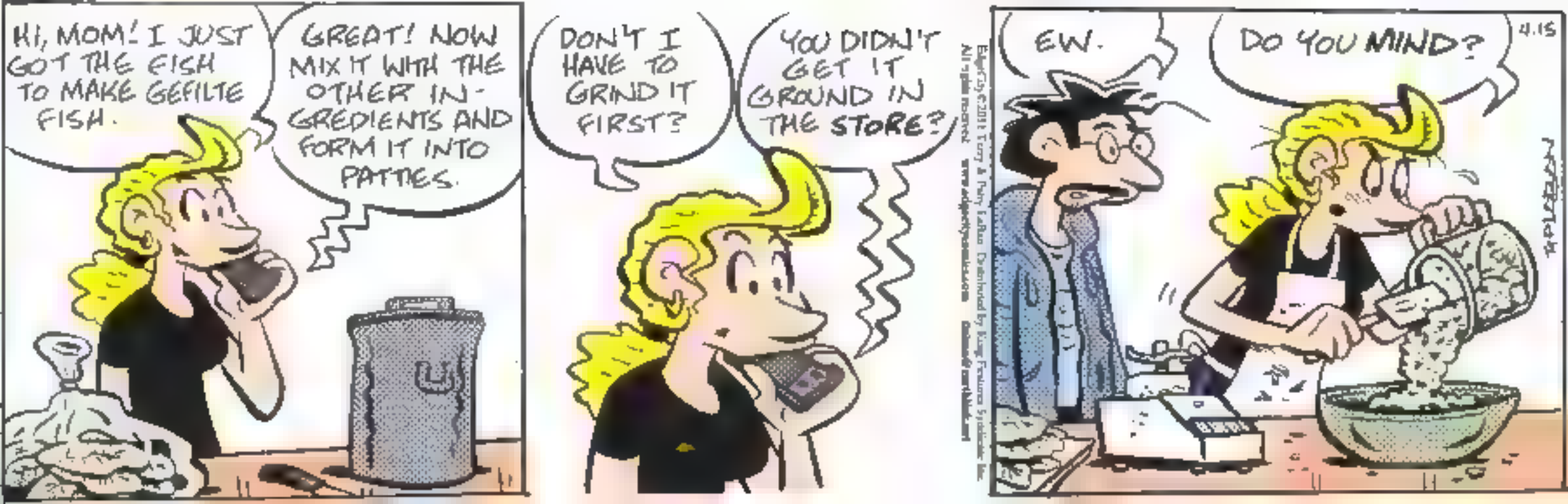

I'M SERIOUS, MOM! I WANT TO MAKE GEFILTE FISH FROM SCRATCH THIS YEAR!
WHAT FOR?
IT'S A PAIN IN THE NECK! JUST USE THE KIND IN THE JARS.
NOT THIS YEAR!
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S DIFFICULT! I WANT TO MAKE GEFILTE FISH FOR PASSOVER LIKE MY ANCESTORS DID!
WELL... OK.
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FIRST YOU'LL NEED 10 POUNDS OF CARP AND A FEW FISH HEADS.
FISH HEADS? EW!

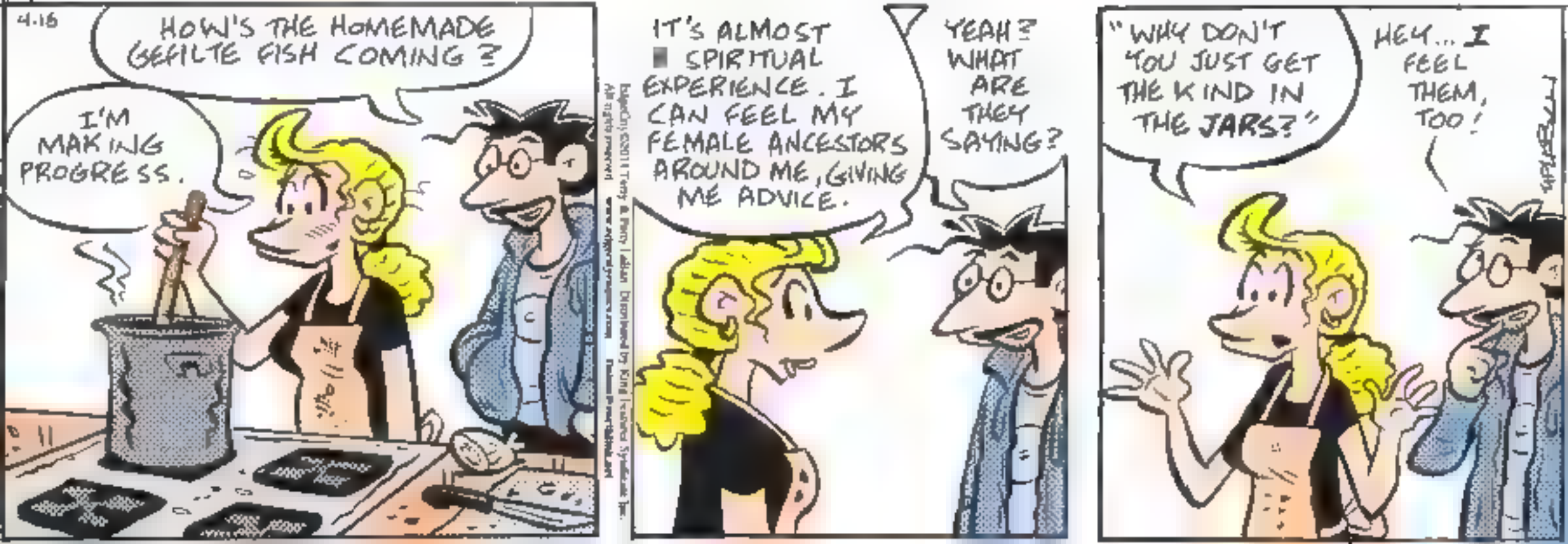


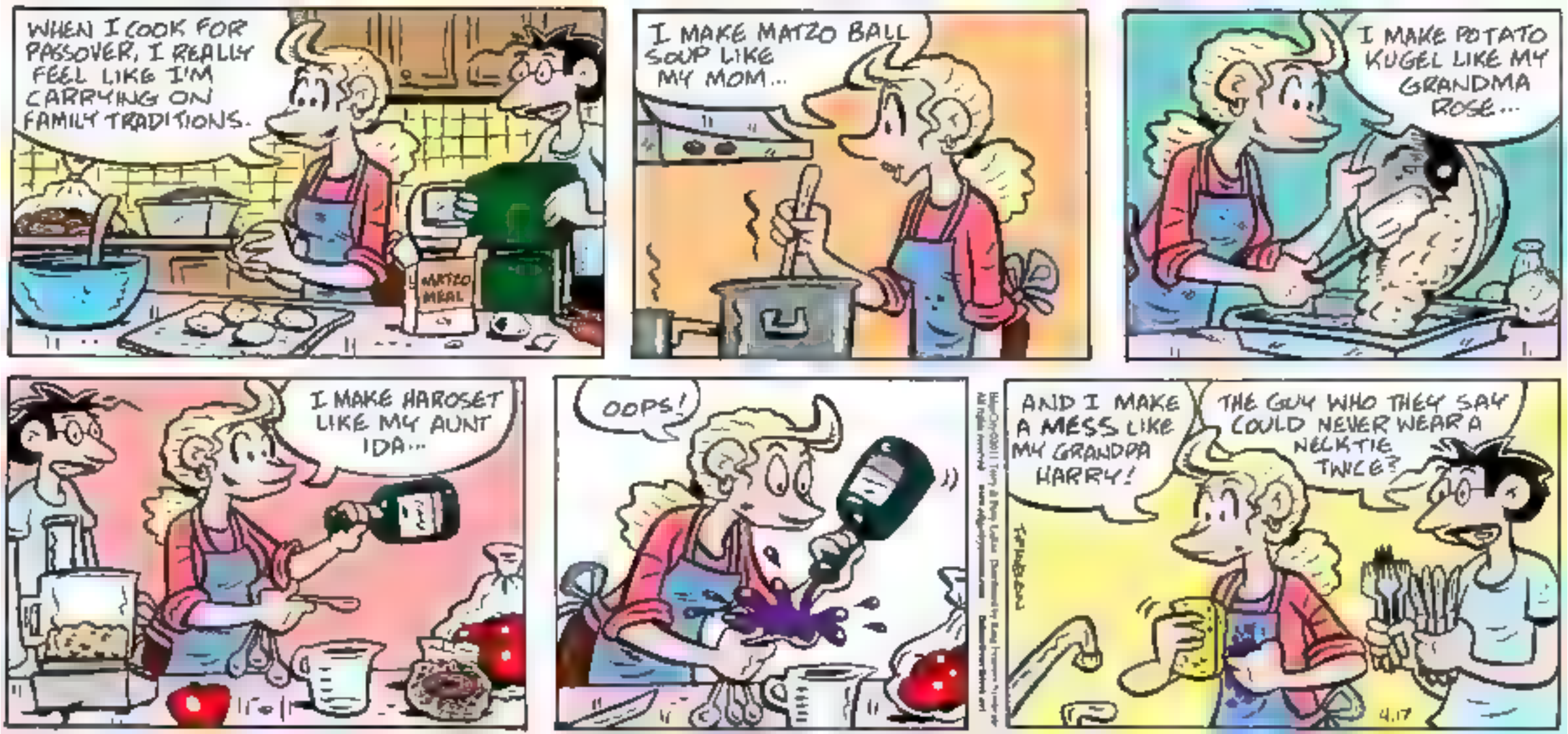


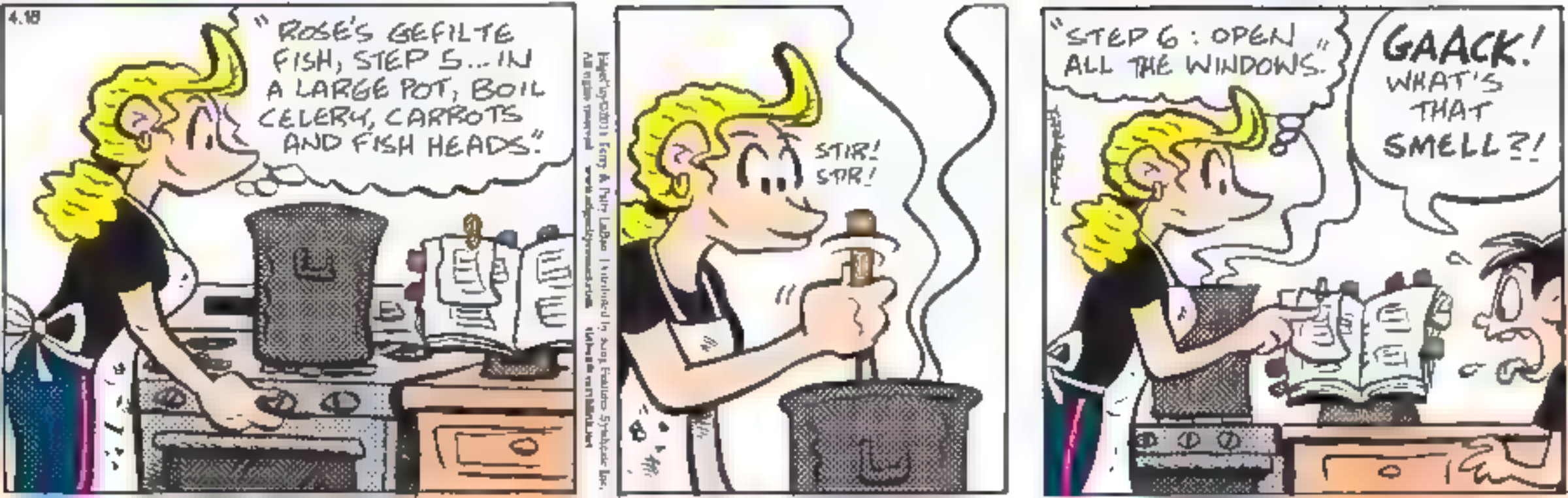
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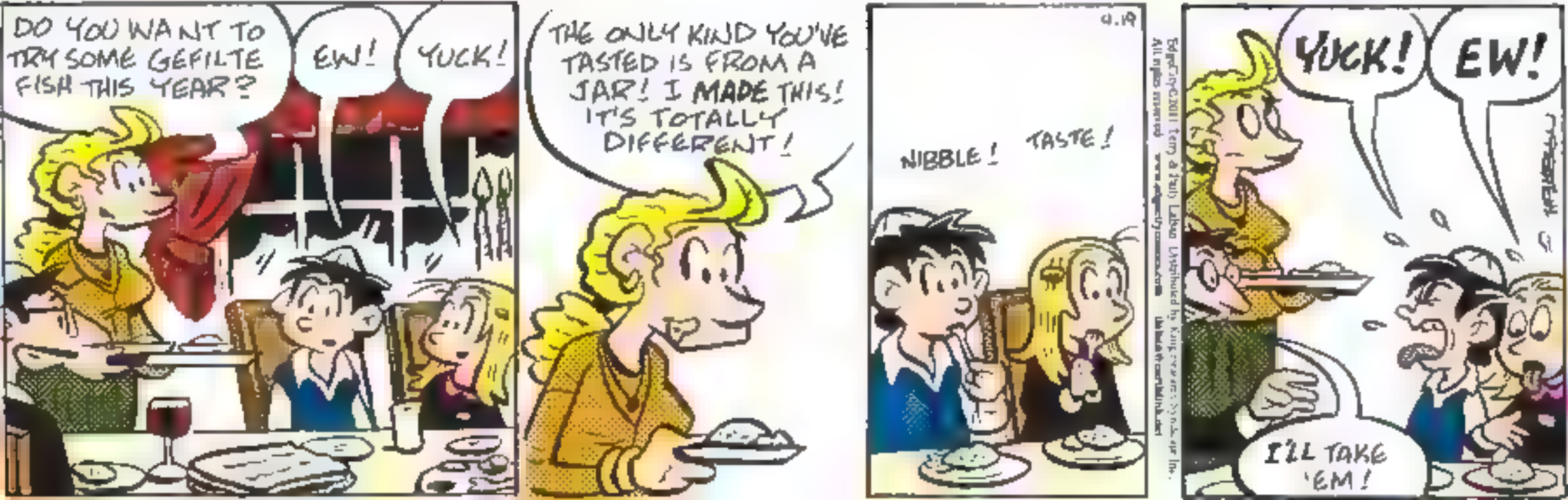


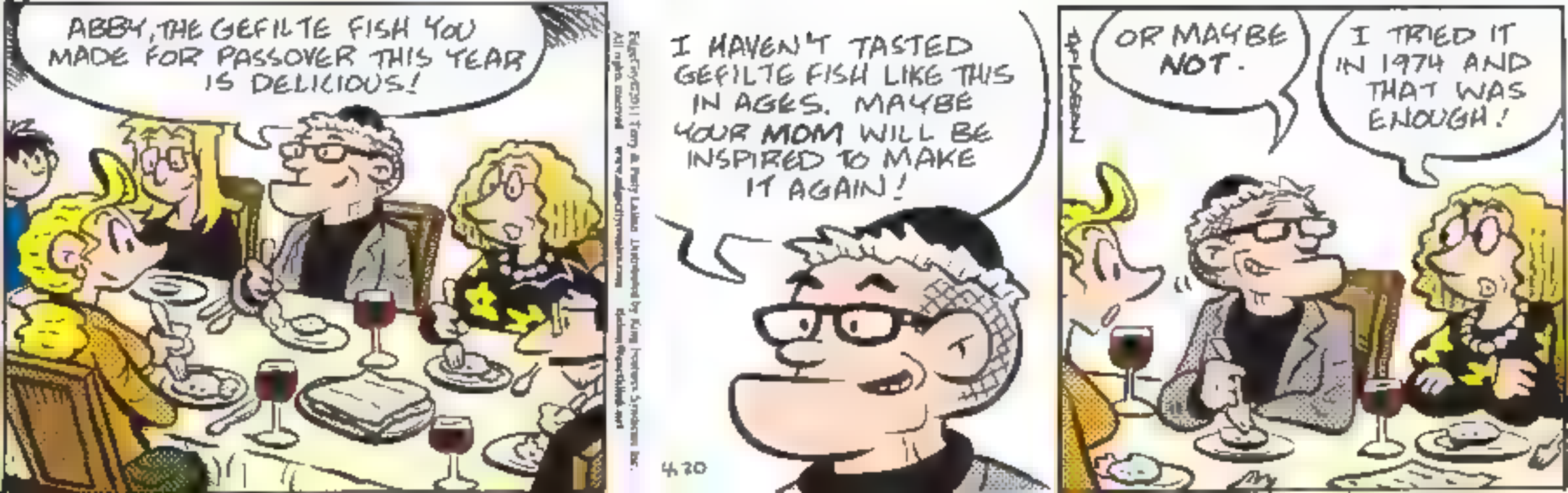

HI, MOM! I JUST GOT THE FISH TO MAKE GEFILTE FISH.
GREAT! NOW MIX IT WITH THE OTHER INGREDIENTS AND FORM IT INTO PATTIES.
DON'T I HAVE TO GRIND IT FIRST?
YOU DIDN'T GET IT GROUND IN THE STORE?
EW.
DO YOU MIND?
4.15
NEGATIVE


4-18
HOW'S THE HOMEMADE GEFILTE FISH COMING?
I'M MAKING PROGRESS.
IT'S ALMOST A SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE. I CAN FEEL MY FEMALE ANCESTORS AROUND ME, GIVING ME ADVICE.
YEAH? WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?
"WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET THE KIND IN THE JARS?"
HEY... I FEEL THEM, TOO!

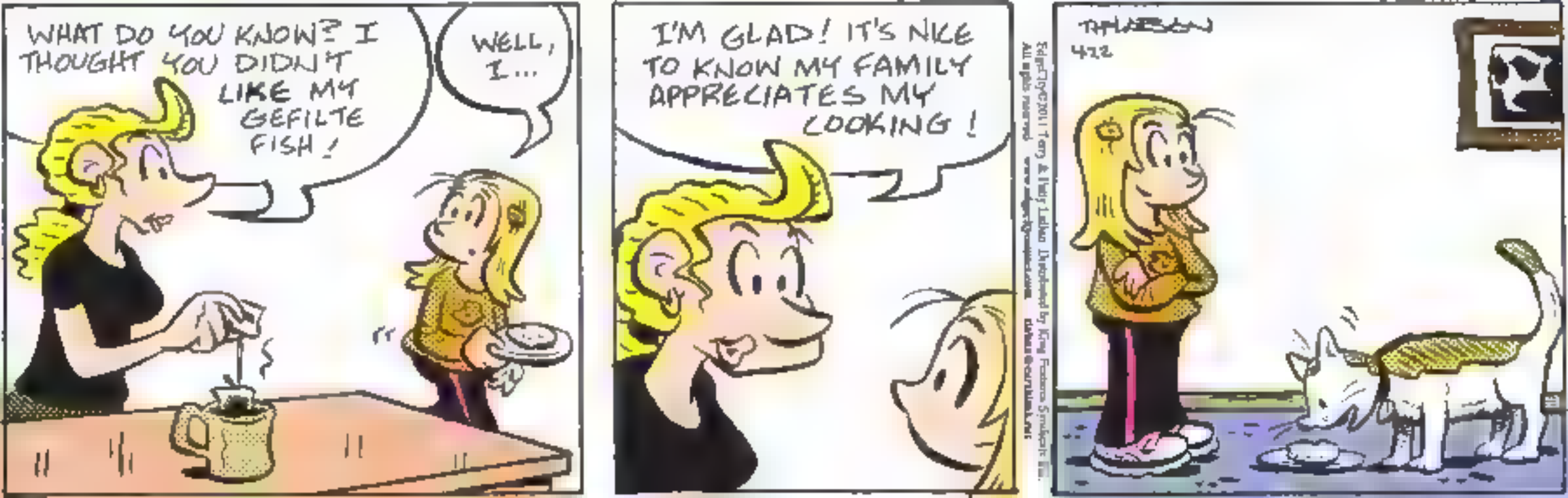

WHEN I COOK FOR PASSOVER, I REALLY FEEL LIKE I'M CARRYING ON FAMILY TRADITIONS.
MATZO MEAL
I MAKE MATZO BALL SOUP LIKE MY MOM...
I MAKE POTATO KUGEL LIKE MY GRANDMA ROSE...
I MAKE HAROSET LIKE MY AUNT IDA...
OOPS!
AND I MAKE A MESS LIKE MY GRANDPA HARRY!
THE GUY WHO THEY SAY COULD NEVER WEAR A NECKTIE TWICE?
TARBEAN
4.17


4.18
"ROSE'S GEFILTE FISH, STEP 5... IN A LARGE POT, BOIL CELERY, CARROTS AND FISH HEADS."
STIR! STIR!
"STEP 6: OPEN ALL THE WINDOWS."
GAACK! WHAT'S THAT SMELL?!

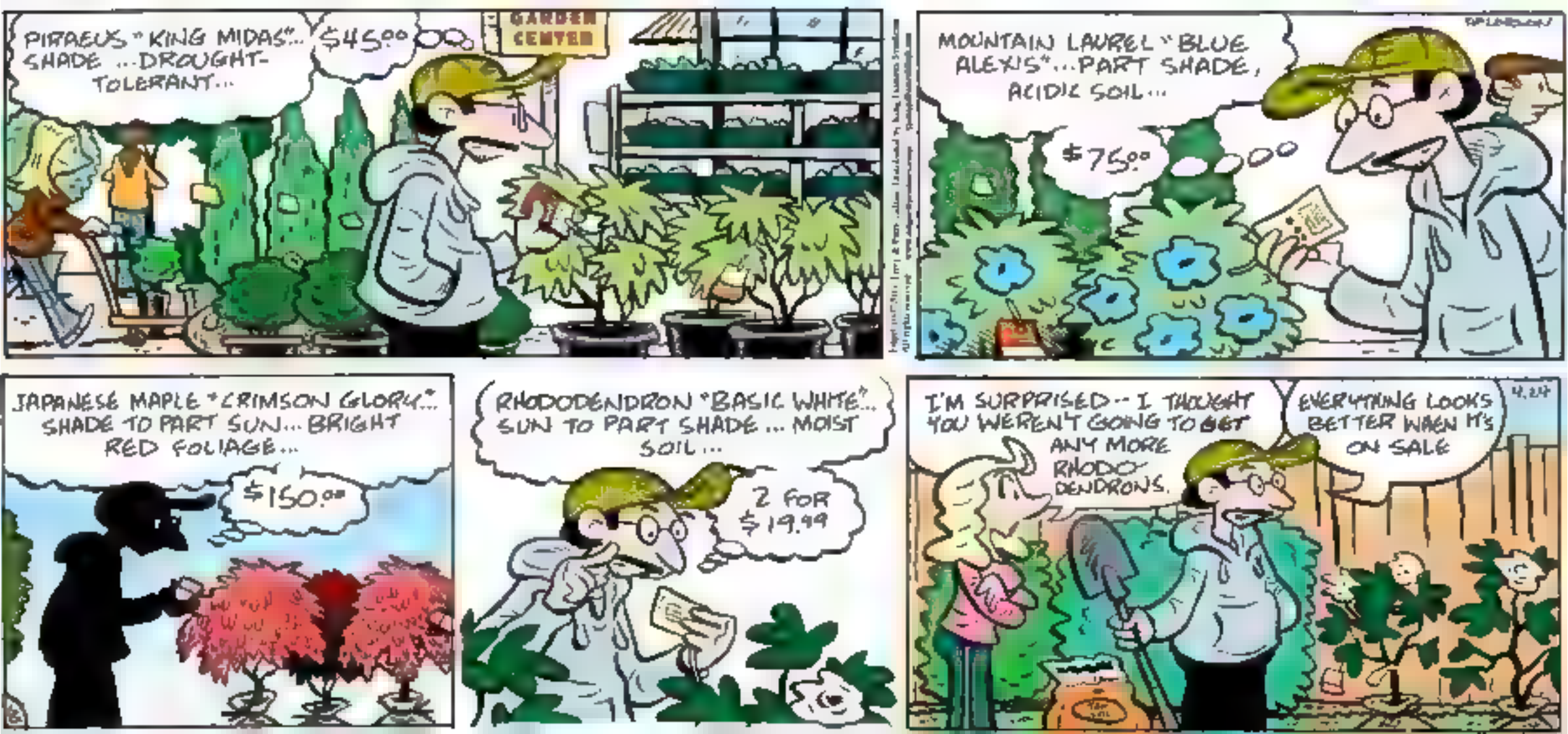

DO YOU WANT TO TRY SOME GEFILTE FISH THIS YEAR?
EW!
YUCK!
THE ONLY KIND YOU'VE TASTED IS FROM A JAR! I MADE THIS! IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT!
NIBBLE!
TASTE!
YUCK!
EW!
I'LL TAKE 'EM!


ABBY, THE GEFILTE FISH YOU MADE FOR PASSOVER THIS YEAR IS DELICIOUS!
I HAVEN'T TASTED GEFILTE FISH LIKE THIS IN AGES. MAYBE YOUR MOM WILL BE INSPIRED TO MAKE IT AGAIN!
4-20
OR MAYBE NOT.
I TRIED IT IN 1974 AND THAT WAS ENOUGH!
ARI LABERE

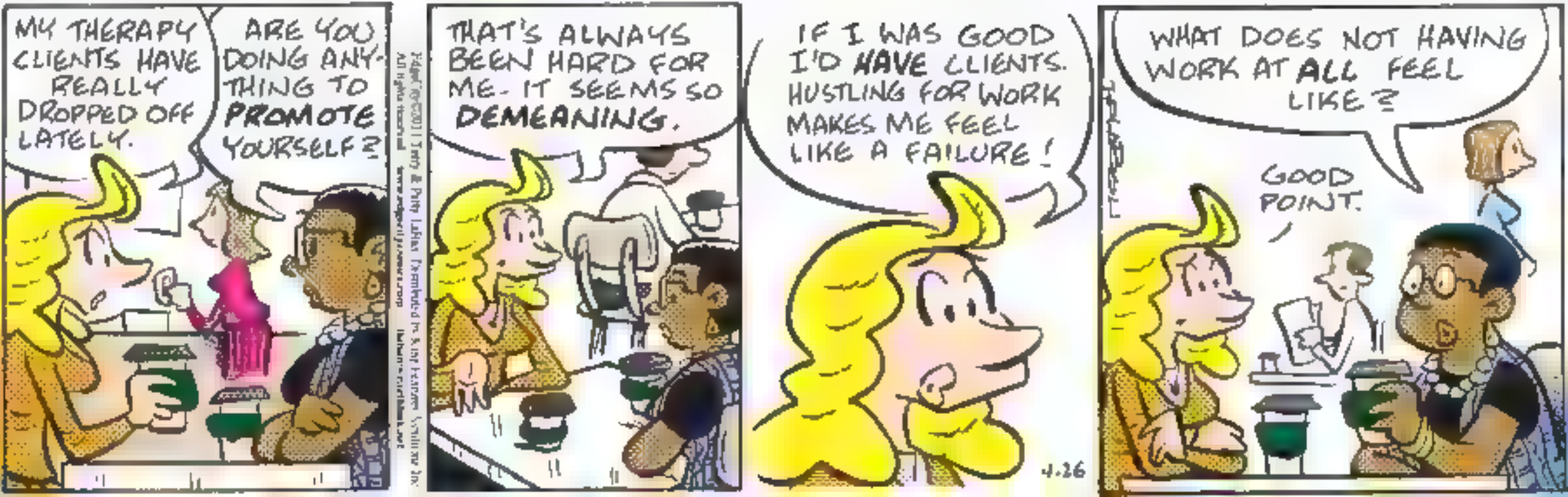

YOUR GEFILTE FISH WAS A BIG HIT AT THE PASSOVER SEDER.
I'M GLAD PEOPLE LIKED IT!
IT WAS SO MUCH BETTER THAN THE JARRED KIND. I KNOW IT WAS A HASSLE TO MAKE, BUT IT WAS WORTH IT!
421
I'M ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING IT NEXT PASSOVER!
MAKE IT AGAIN? NO WAY!


WHAT DO YOU KNOW? I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE MY GEFILTE FISH!
WELL, I...
I'M GLAD! IT'S NICE TO KNOW MY FAMILY APPRECIATES MY COOKING!
422


WHAT'S FOR SUPPER?
MATZO BALL SOUP, MATZO LASAGNA, AND MATZO CAKE FOR DESSERT.
MATZO
SIGH! PASSOVER!
CAN YOU PASS THE BOX OF MATZO?
4.23
MATZO

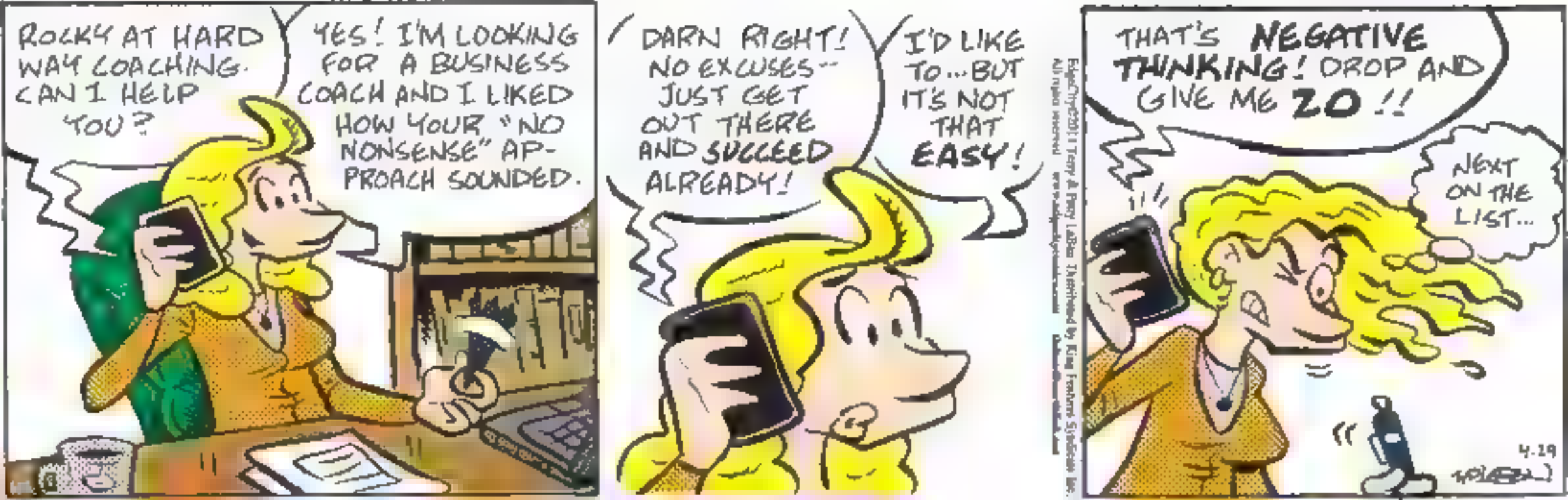

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I'M SURPRISED -- I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T GOING TO GET ANY MORE RHODO-DENDRONS.
EVERYTHING LOOKS BETTER WHEN IT'S ON SALE
4.24

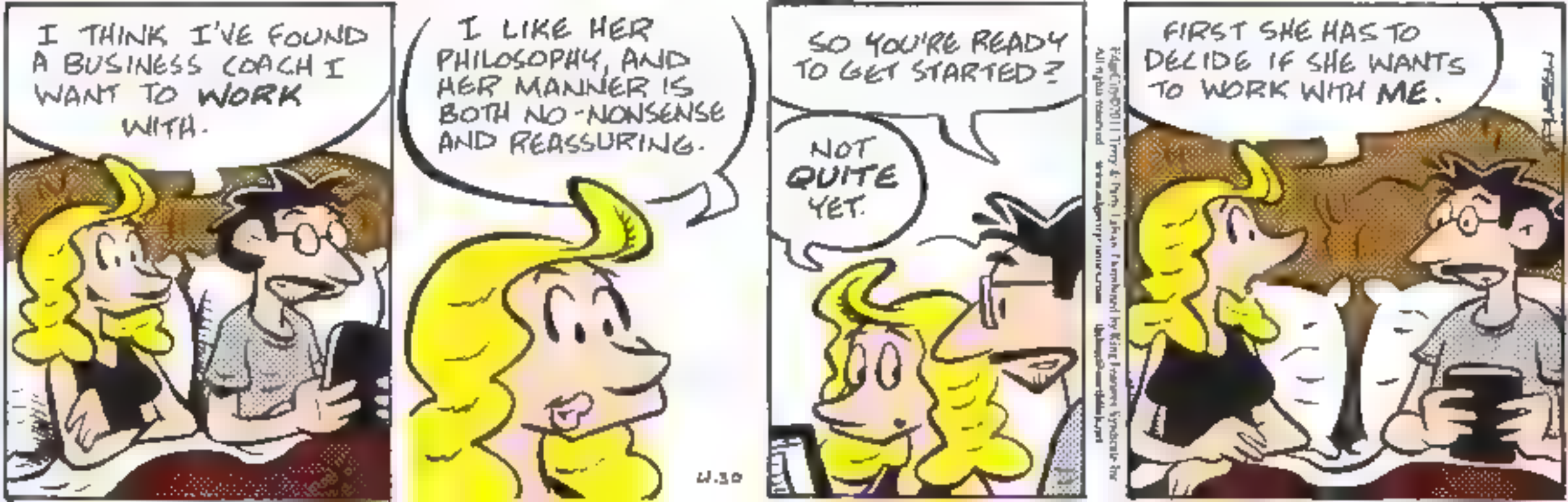

DO I HAVE ANY MORE CLIENTS TODAY?
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT.
HEADS UP
MENTAL HEALTH
4.25
BOY, IT'S BEEN REALLY SLOW LATELY.
WELL, YOU KNOW, THE ECONOMY'S NOT SO GREAT.
HEY, WHAT'S WITH THE CROWD IN THE FOYER?
THEY'RE ALL TRYING TO GET APPOINTMENTS WITH JANICE.
TELL 'EM I'M FULL!

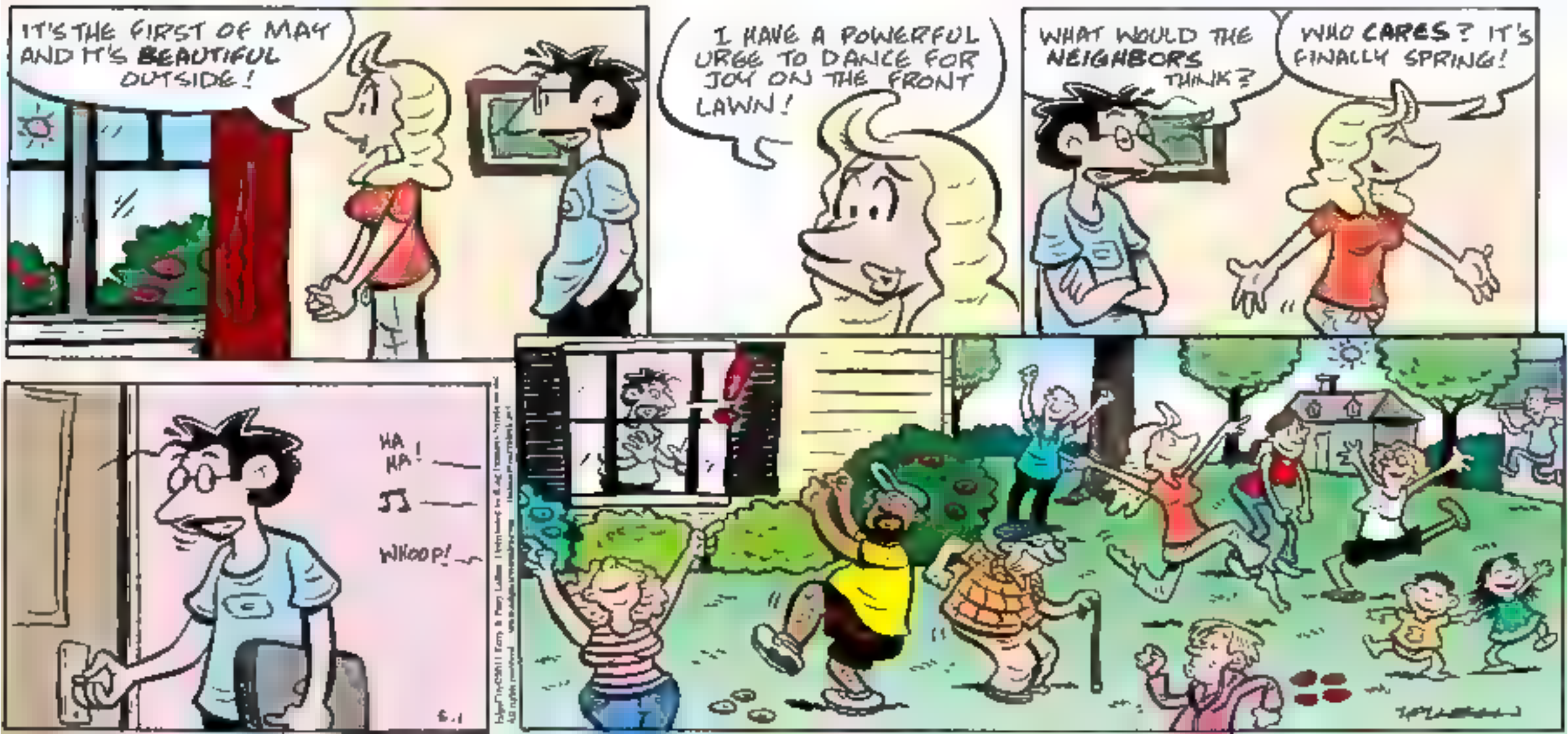

MY THERAPY CLIENTS HAVE REALLY DROPPED OFF LATELY.
ARE YOU DOING ANY-THING TO PROMOTE YOURSELF?
THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN HARD FOR ME- IT SEEMS SO DEMEANING.
IF I WAS GOOD I'D HAVE CLIENTS. HUSTLING FOR WORK MAKES ME FEEL LIKE A FAILURE!
4.26
WHAT DOES NOT HAVING WORK AT ALL FEEL LIKE?
GOOD POINT.


I'VE NOTICED YOU HAVE PLENTY OF CLIENTS, JANICE.
I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH A BUSINESS COACH.
SHE'S HELPED ME PROMOTE MYSELF AND GIVEN ME THE SUPPORT TO FOLLOW THROUGH.
4-27
I ALREADY KNOW HOW TO PROMOTE MYSELF!
GREAT! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO START?
SOON.
I'LL SEND YOU THE LINKS TO SOME WEBSITES.


THIS IS SAPPHIRE FROM CAREER REBIRTH. YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A BUSINESS COACH?
YES! CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM?
4-18
I WORK ON ACTIVATING YOUR CAREER CHAKRAS AND OPENING YOU TO THE SUCCESS ENERGY ALL AROUND.
PUT THE PHONE ON YOUR FOREHEAD AND I'LL SEND YOU A SAMPLE VIBE.
LET ME GET BACK TO YOU, ALL RIGHT?


ROCKY AT HARD WAY COACHING. CAN I HELP YOU?
YES! I'M LOOKING FOR A BUSINESS COACH AND I LIKED HOW YOUR "NO NONSENSE" APPROACH SOUNDED.
DARN RIGHT! NO EXCUSES-- JUST GET OUT THERE AND SUCCEED ALREADY!
I'D LIKE TO...BUT IT'S NOT THAT EASY!
THAT'S NEGATIVE THINKING! DROP AND GIVE ME 20!!
NEXT ON THE LIST...
4-29


I THINK I'VE FOUND A BUSINESS COACH I WANT TO WORK WITH.
I LIKE HER PHILOSOPHY, AND HER MANNER IS BOTH NO-NONSENSE AND REASSURING.
SO YOU'RE READY TO GET STARTED?
NOT QUITE YET.
FIRST SHE HAS TO DECIDE IF SHE WANTS TO WORK WITH ME.


IT'S THE FIRST OF MAY AND IT'S BEAUTIFUL OUTSIDE!
I HAVE A POWERFUL URGE TO DANCE FOR JOY ON THE FRONT LAWN!
WHAT WOULD THE NEIGHBORS THINK?
WHO CARES? IT'S FINALLY SPRING!
HA HA!
WHOOP!

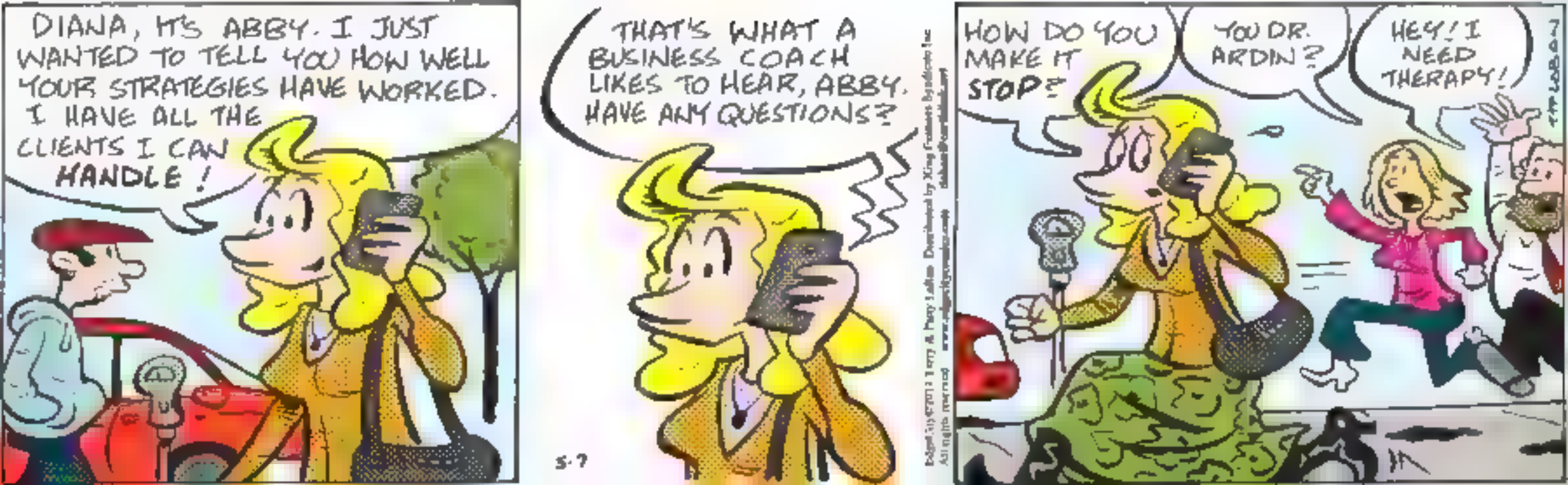

WHAT'S THIS?
THE FIRST ASSIGNMENT FROM MY BUSINESS COACH.
I'M SUPPOSED TO WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT SAYING WHO I AM AND WHAT I WANT TO DO.
IT DOESN'T LOOK THAT BRIEF!
HMM... MAYBE I COULD CUT A COUPLE OF CHAPTERS...

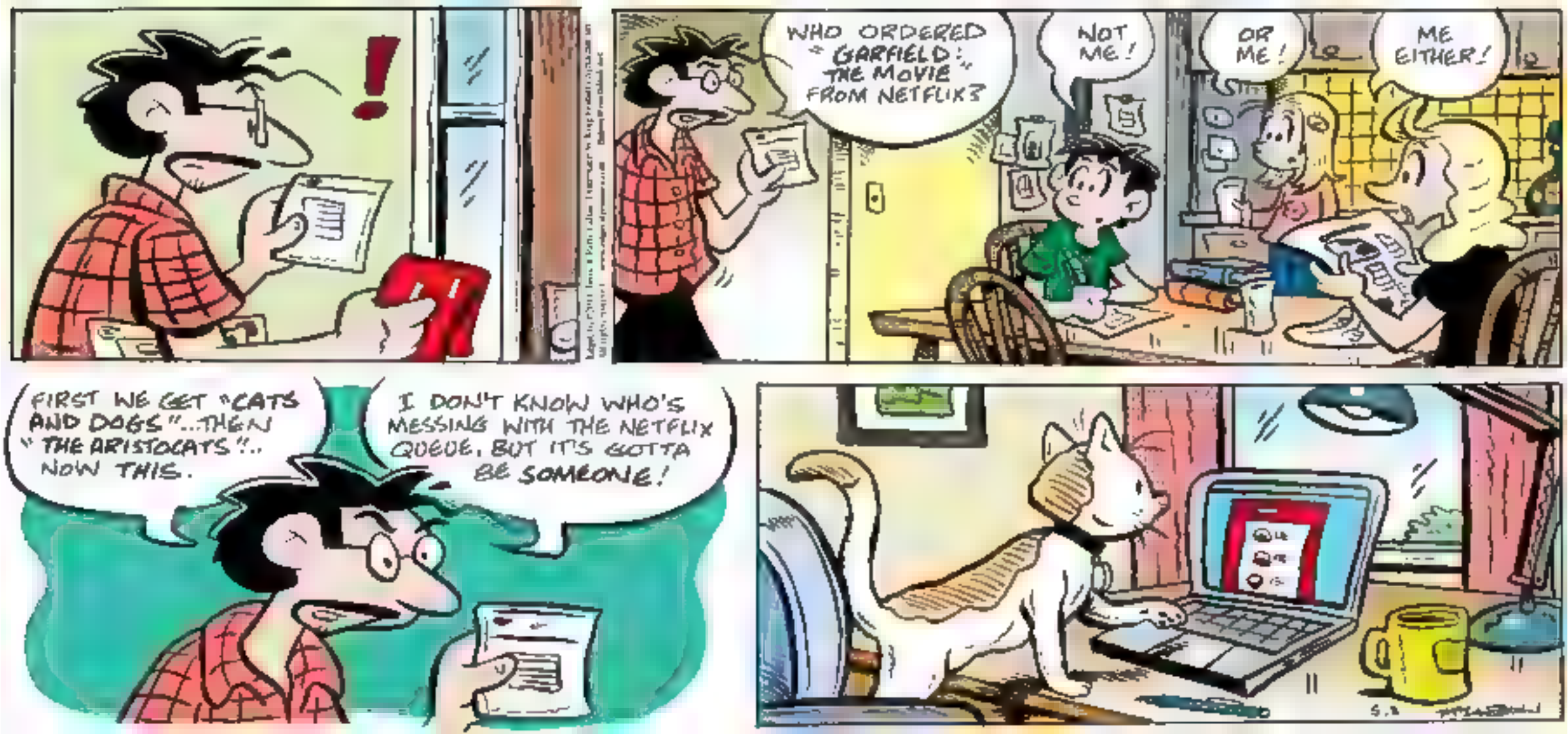

HOW DO YOU FIND YOUR CLIENTS, ABBY?
MOST CLIENTS HEAR ABOUT ME THROUGH WORD-OF-MOUTH.
THEN YOU NEED TO FIND PEOPLE WHO WILL GET THE WORD OUT.
THERE'S A NAME FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE GOOD AT SPREADING INFORMATION. KNOW WHAT IT IS?
YOU MEAN "BUSYBODIES"?
"CONNECTORS" IS THE TERM WE USE.

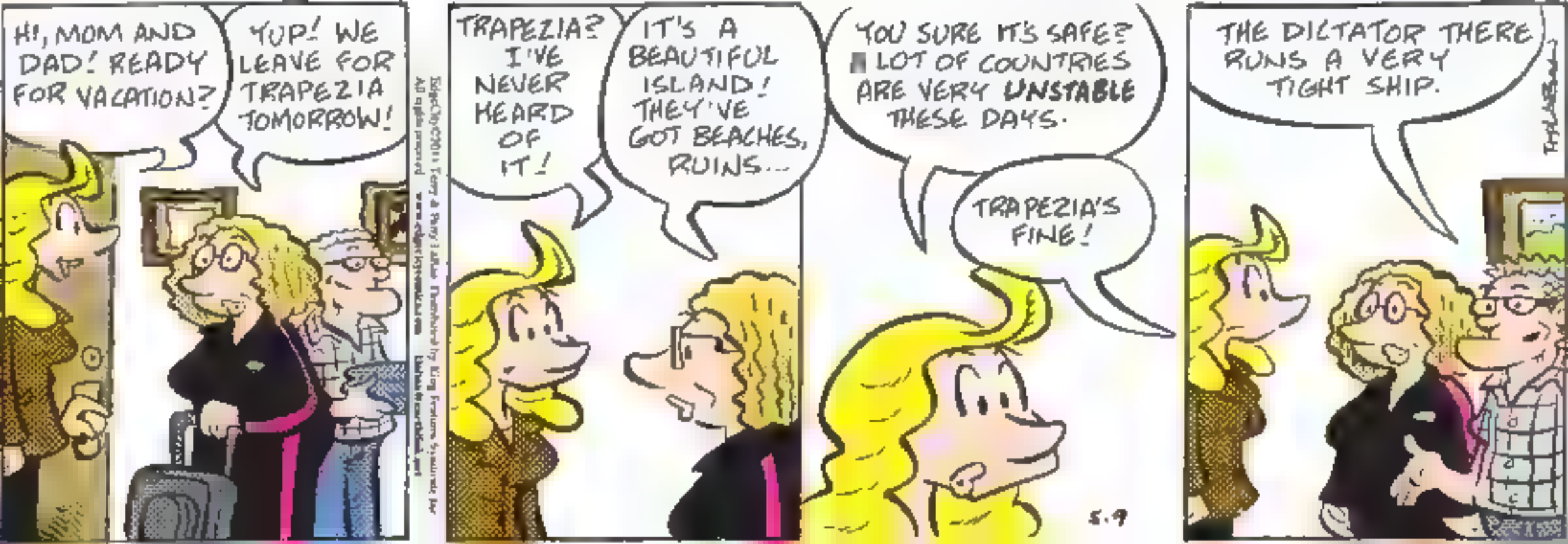

SO, YOU'RE COACHING ME TO FIND WELL-CONNECTED PEOPLE AND TELL THEM I'M LOOKING FOR CLIENTS?
EXACTLY.
WHAT YOU NEED IS A SHORT STATEMENT THAT MAKES YOUR SITUATION EASY TO UNDERSTAND.
HOW 'BOUT "I'M ABBY AND IF I DON'T GET WORK SOON, I'LL STARVE"?
OK... LET'S TRY TO MAKE IT A LITTLE MORE UPBEAT...
5-4

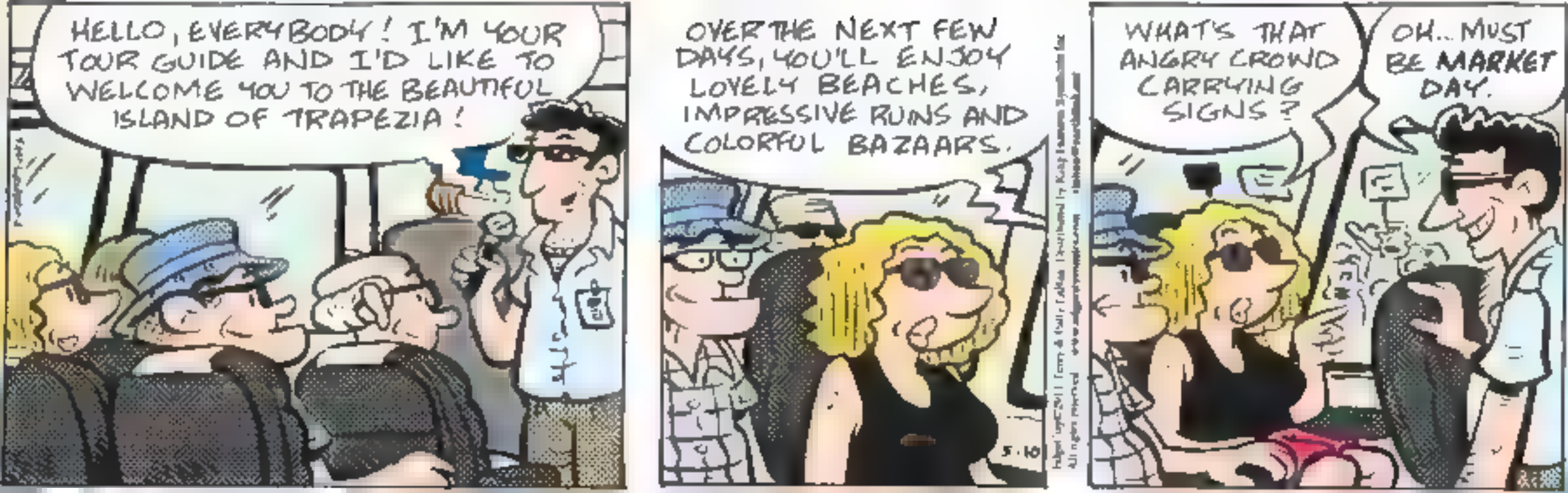

LEN, MY BUSINESS COACH TOLD ME TO SEEK OUT WELL-CONNECTED PEOPLE. SO I TALKED TO SHERRI DAVIS.
I MADE SMALL TALK ABOUT YOU AND THE FAMILY, THEN MENTIONED I WAS LOOKING FOR NEW CLIENTS.
HOPE YOU WEREN'T TOO IN-DIRECT.
SHE GOT THE MESSAGE-- AND SHE'LL DEFINITELY TELL EVERYONE!
ABBY, SHERRI JUST TOLD ME LEN LEFT YOUR FAMILY AND RAN OFF WITH ONE OF YOUR CLIENTS!
I'VE GOTTA GO...

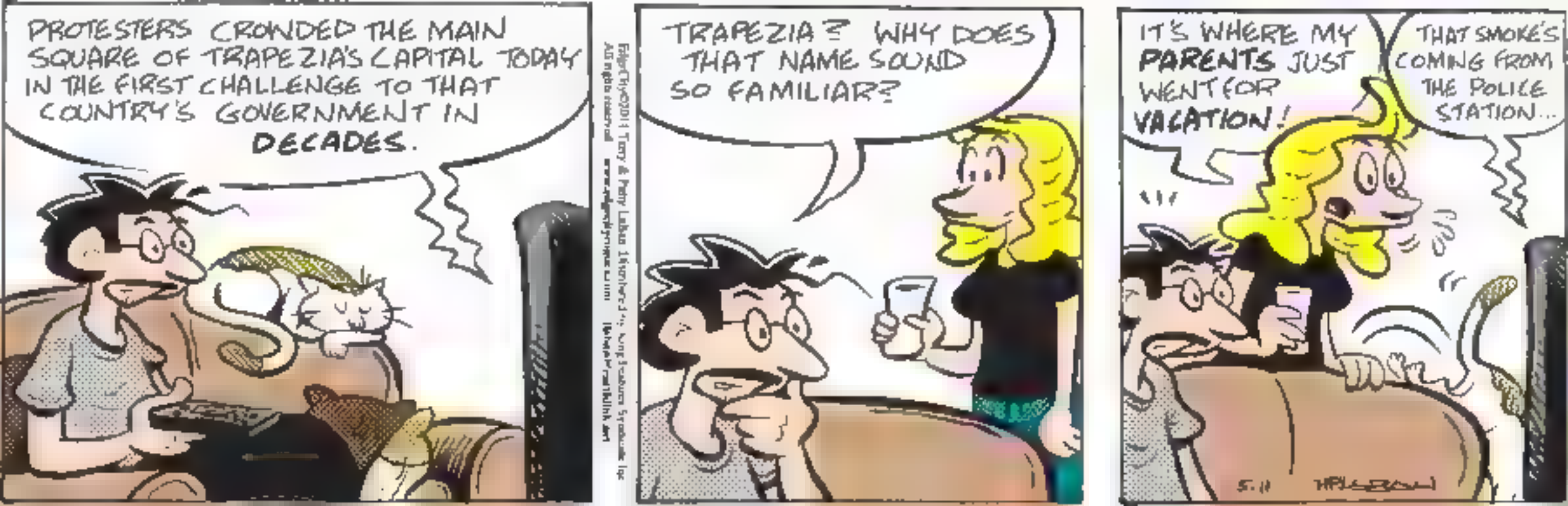

HI, ABBY--IT'S YOUR BUSINESS COACH! HOW'S THE SELF-PROMOTION GOING?
THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT OTHER THERAPISTS HAVE STARTED REFERRING A LOT MORE CLIENTS TO ME.
GREAT!
5-6
THE BAD NEWS IS THEY'RE CLIENTS NO ONE ELSE WANTS.
HEEERE'S ALEX!

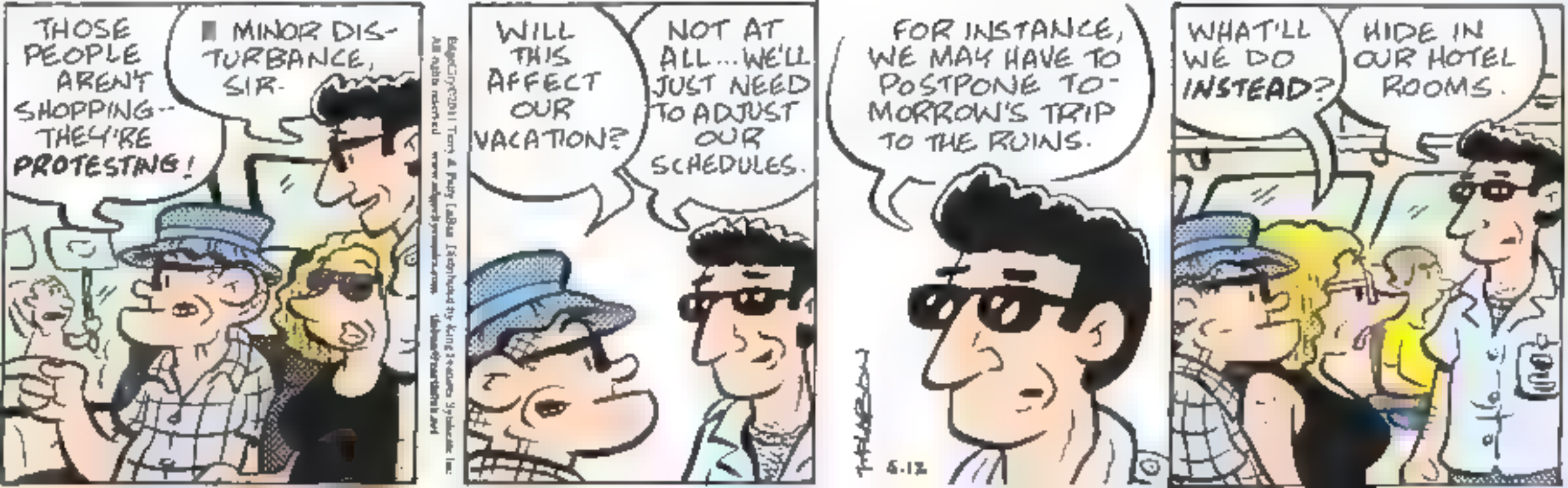

DIANA, IT'S ABBY. I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU HOW WELL YOUR STRATEGIES HAVE WORKED. I HAVE ALL THE CLIENTS I CAN HANDLE!
THAT'S WHAT A BUSINESS COACH LIKES TO HEAR, ABBY. HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?
HOW DO YOU MAKE IT STOP?
YOU DR. ARDIN?
HEY! I NEED THERAPY!

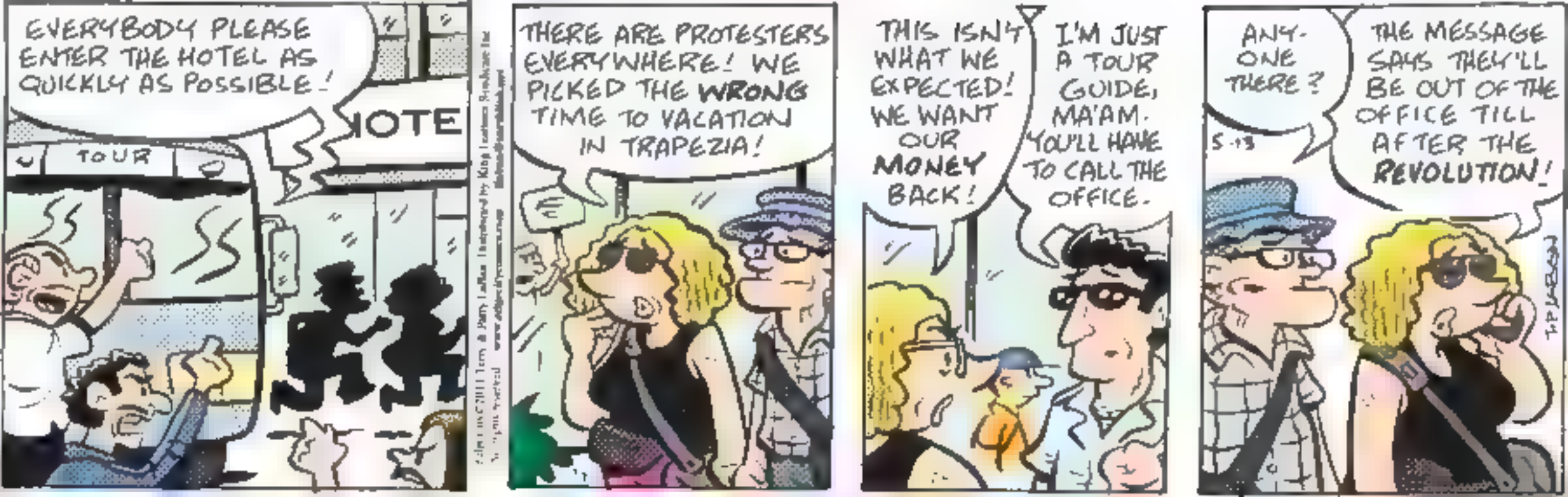

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WHO ORDERED "GARFIELD: THE MOVIE" FROM NETFLIX?
NOT ME!
OR ME!
ME EITHER!
FIRST WE GET "CATS AND DOGS"...THEN "THE ARISTOCATS"... NOW THIS.
I DON'T KNOW WHO'S MESSING WITH THE NETFLIX QUEUE, BUT IT'S GOTTA BE SOMEONE!

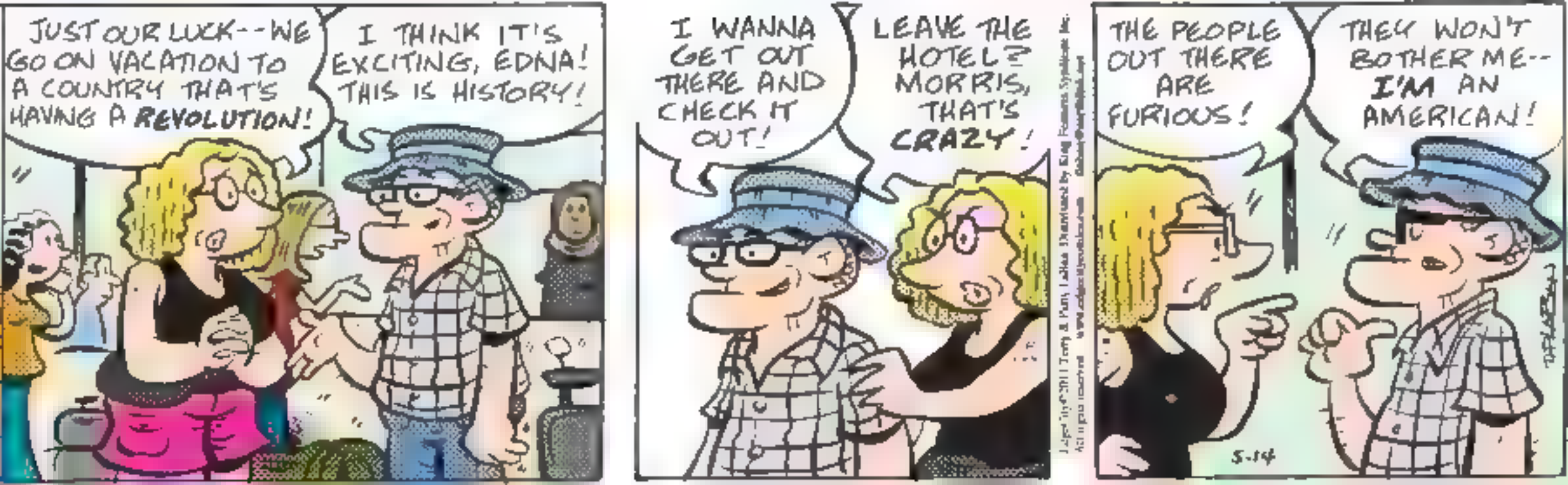

HI, MOM AND DAD! READY FOR VACATION?
YUP! WE LEAVE FOR TRAPEZIA TOMORROW!
TRAPEZIA? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT!
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL ISLAND! THEY'VE GOT BEACHES, RUINS...
YOU SURE IT'S SAFE? A LOT OF COUNTRIES ARE VERY UNSTABLE THESE DAYS.
TRAPEZIA'S FINE!
5.9
THE DICTATOR THERE RUNS A VERY TIGHT SHIP.

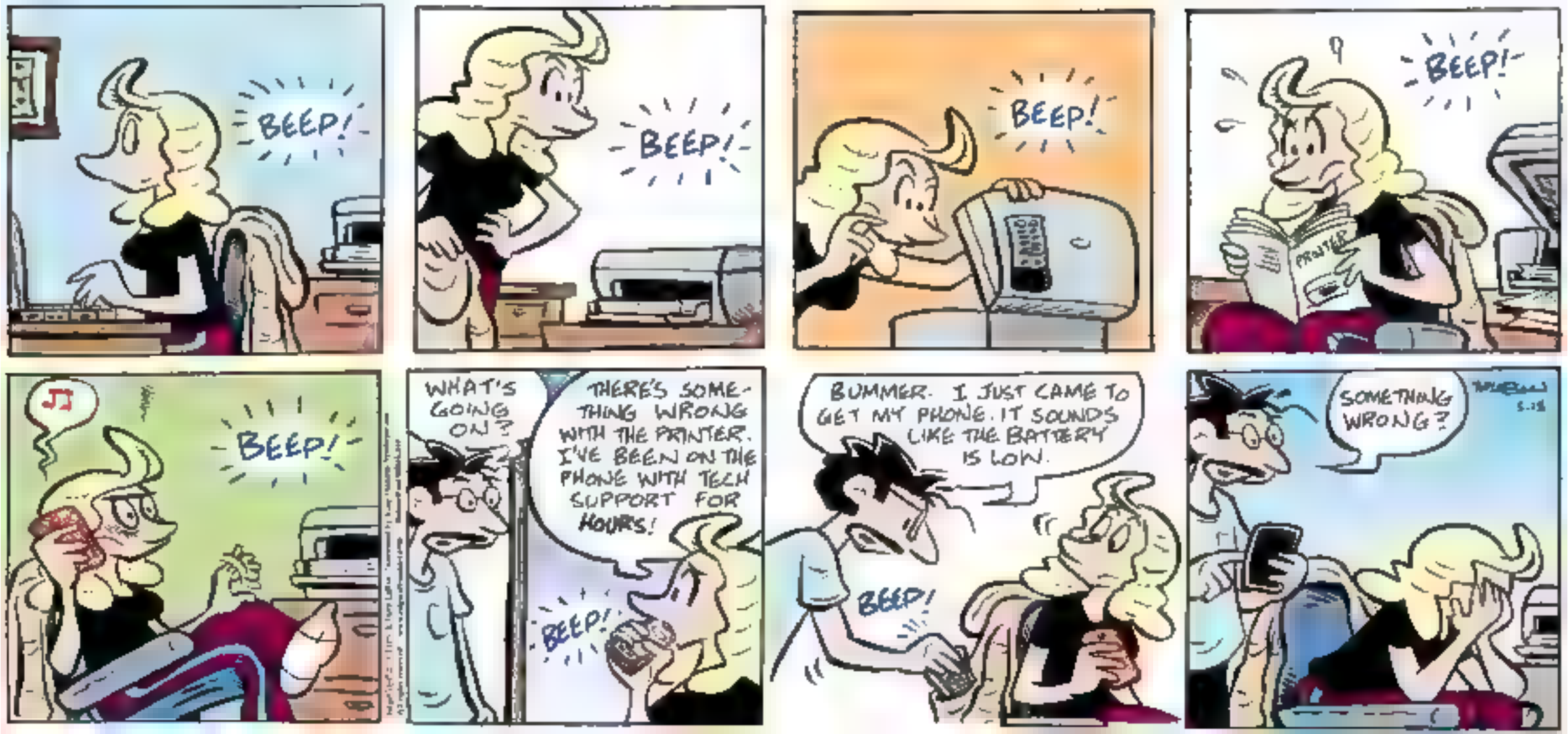

HELLO, EVERYBODY! I'M YOUR TOUR GUIDE AND I'D LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE BEAUTIFUL ISLAND OF TRAPEZIA!
OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS, YOU'LL ENJOY LOVELY BEACHES, IMPRESSIVE RUINS AND COLORFUL BAZAARS.
WHAT'S THAT ANGRY CROWD CARRYING SIGNS?
OH... MUST BE MARKET DAY.

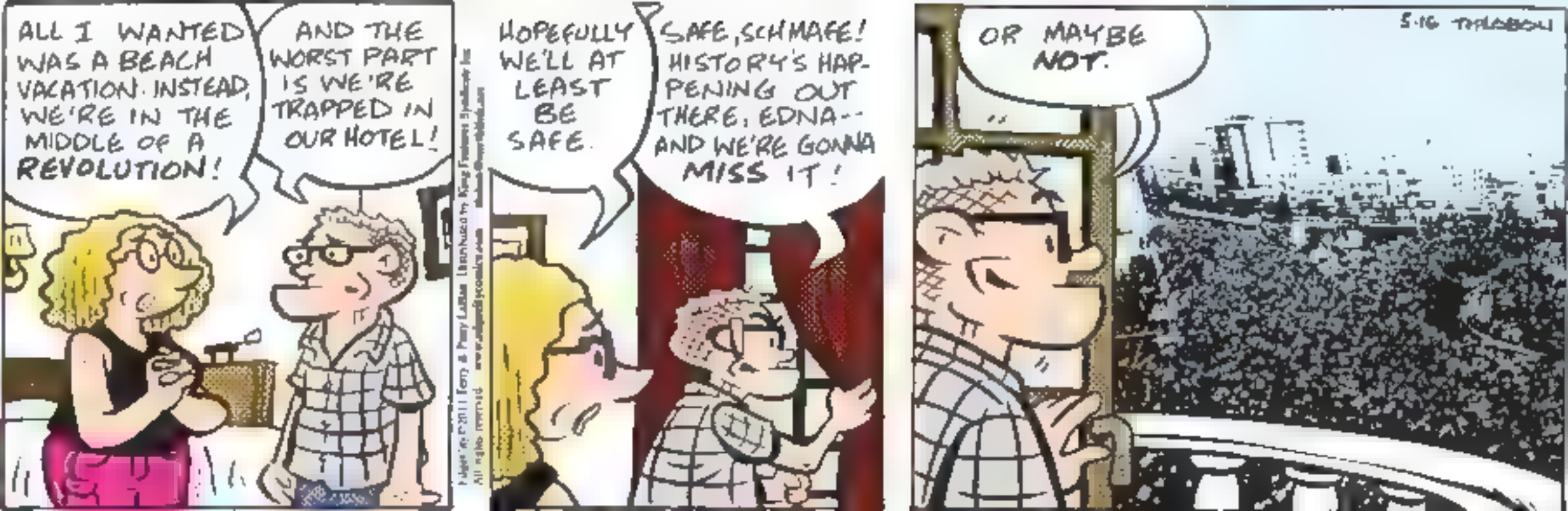

PROTESTERS CROWDED THE MAIN SQUARE OF TRAPEZIA'S CAPITAL TODAY IN THE FIRST CHALLENGE TO THAT COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT IN DECADES.
TRAPEZIA? WHY DOES THAT NAME SOUND SO FAMILIAR?
IT'S WHERE MY PARENTS JUST WENT FOR VACATION!
THAT SMOKE'S COMING FROM THE POLICE STATION...


THOSE PEOPLE AREN'T SHOPPING -- THEY'RE PROTESTING!
MINOR DISTURBANCE, SIR.
WILL THIS AFFECT OUR VACATION?
NOT AT ALL... WE'LL JUST NEED TO ADJUST OUR SCHEDULES.
FOR INSTANCE, WE MAY HAVE TO POSTPONE TOMORROW'S TRIP TO THE RUINS.
6-12
WHAT'LL WE DO INSTEAD?
HIDE IN OUR HOTEL ROOMS.


EVERYBODY PLEASE ENTER THE HOTEL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!
TOUR
IOTE
THERE ARE PROTESTERS EVERYWHERE! WE PICKED THE WRONG TIME TO VACATION IN TRAPEZIA!
THIS ISN'T WHAT WE EXPECTED! WE WANT OUR MONEY BACK!
I'M JUST A TOUR GUIDE, MA'AM. YOU'LL HAVE TO CALL THE OFFICE.
ANY-ONE THERE?
S-13
THE MESSAGE SAYS THEY'LL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE TILL AFTER THE REVOLUTION!

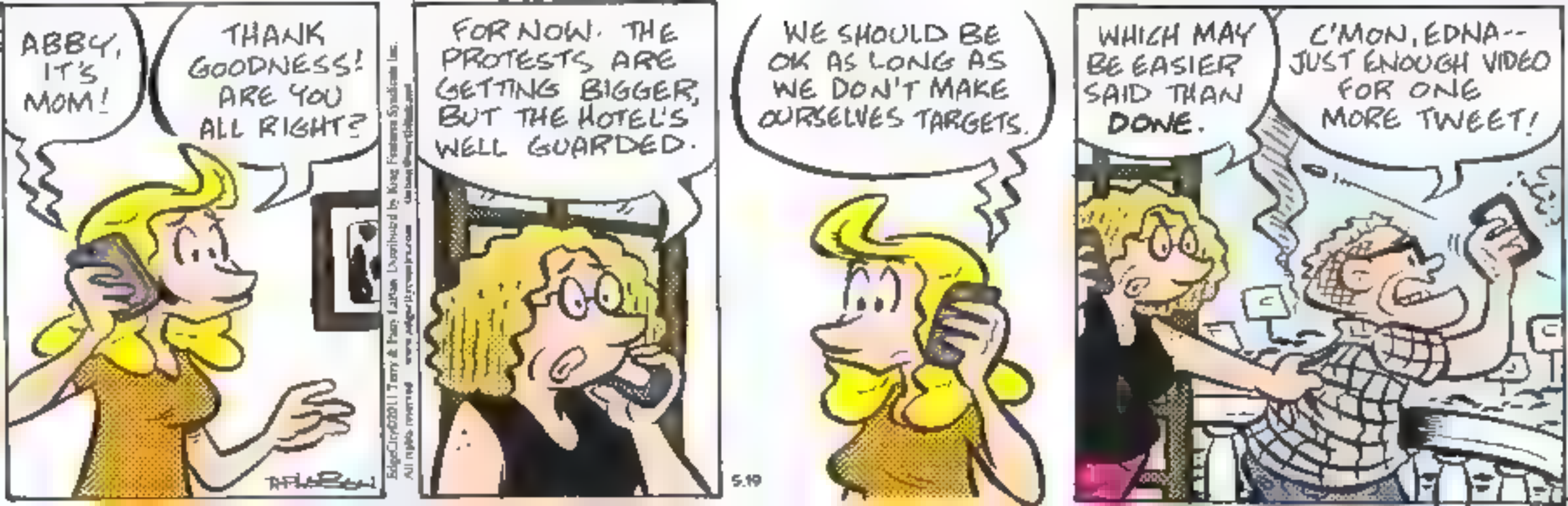

JUST OUR LUCK--WE GO ON VACATION TO A COUNTRY THAT'S HAVING A REVOLUTION!
I THINK IT'S EXCITING, EDNA! THIS IS HISTORY!
I WANNA GET OUT THERE AND CHECK IT OUT!
LEAVE THE HOTEL? MORRIS, THAT'S CRAZY!
THE PEOPLE OUT THERE ARE FURIOUS!
THEY WON'T BOTHER ME-- I'M AN AMERICAN!
5-14

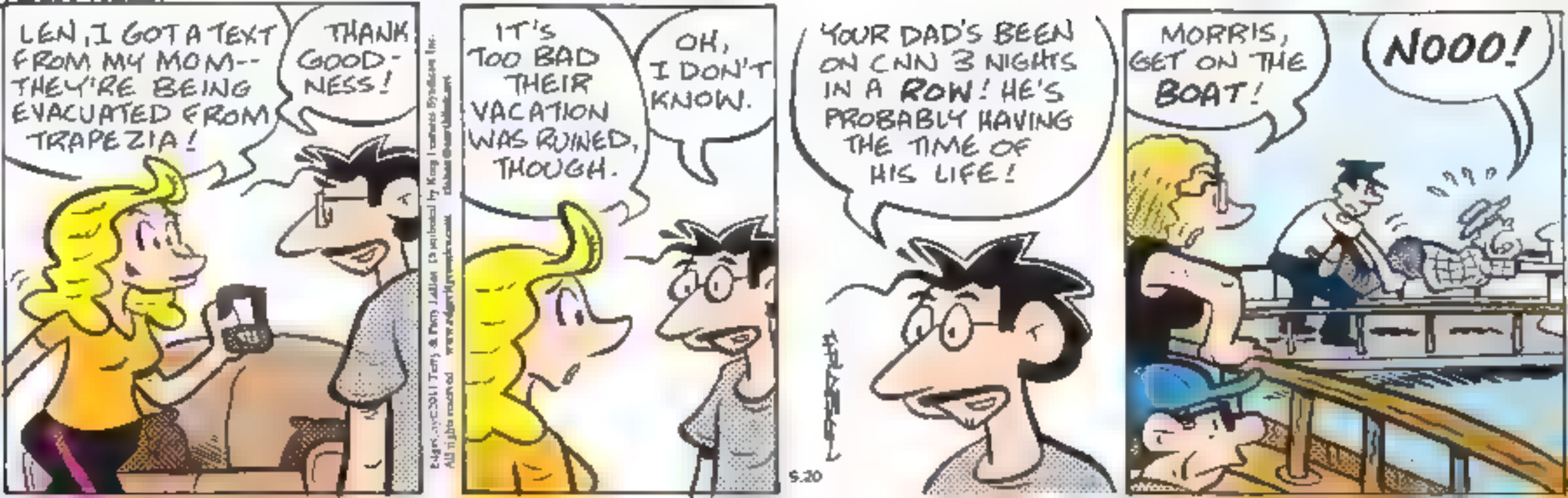

BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
PRINTER
JJ
BEEP!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE PRINTER. I'VE BEEN ON THE PHONE WITH TECH SUPPORT FOR HOURS!
BEEP!
BUMMER. I JUST CAME TO GET MY PHONE. IT SOUNDS LIKE THE BATTERY IS LOW.
BEEP!
SOMETHING WRONG?


ALL I WANTED WAS A BEACH VACATION. INSTEAD, WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A REVOLUTION!
AND THE WORST PART IS WE'RE TRAPPED IN OUR HOTEL!
HOPEFULLY WE'LL AT LEAST BE SAFE.
SAFE, SCHMAFE! HISTORY'S HAPPENING OUT THERE, EDNA-- AND WE'RE GONNA MISS IT!
OR MAYBE NOT.
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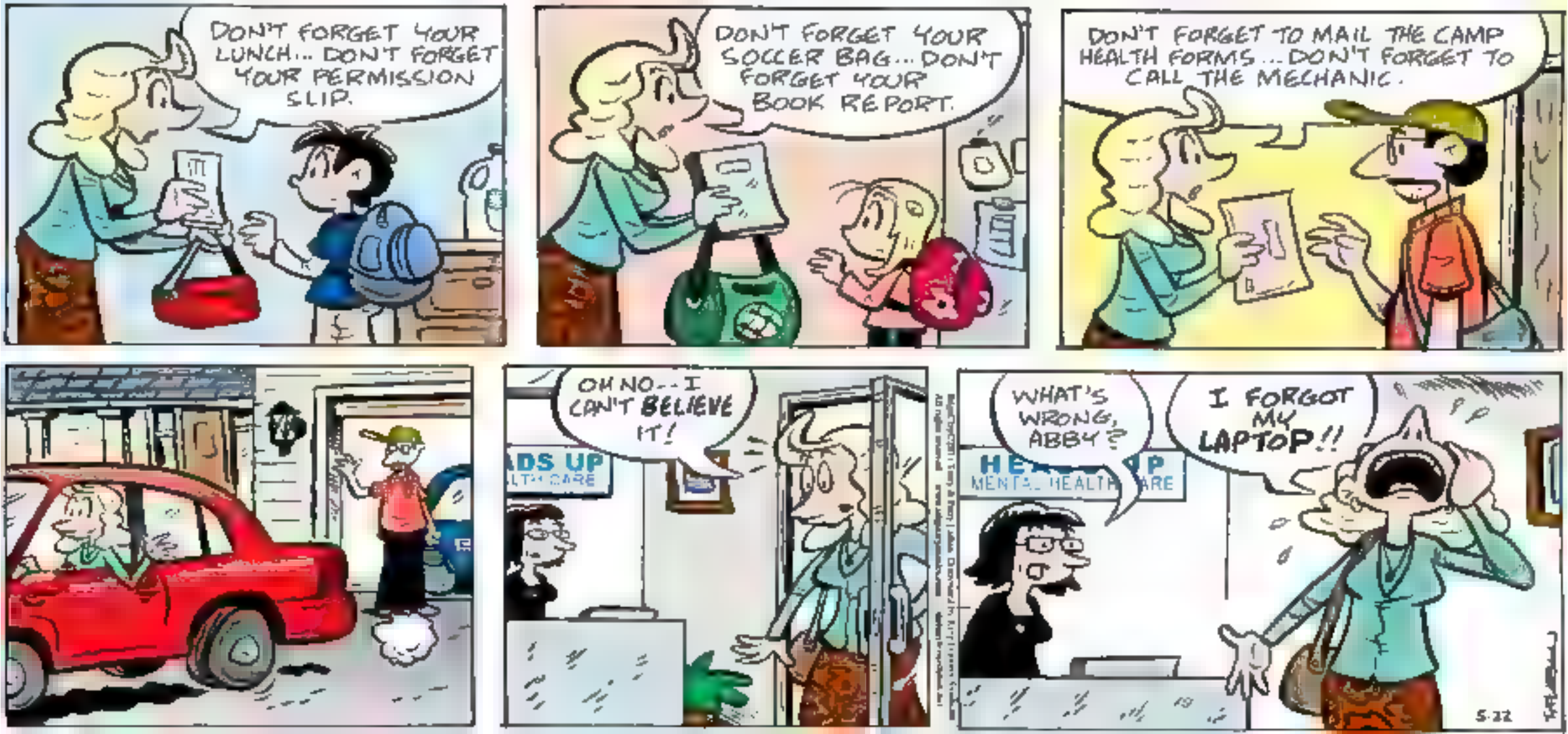

EDNA, LOOK! OUR HOTEL BALCONY OVERLOOKS THE CITY'S MAIN SQUARE! WE HAVE FRONT-ROW SEATS FOR THE REVOLUTION!
THIS IS FANTASTIC! I CAN RECORD WHAT'S GOING ON WITH MY PHONE AND TWEET IT!
5.17
AT LEAST TILL THEY BLOCK THE INTERNET.
WON'T HAPPEN. I DID SOME RESEARCH-- TURNS OUT THEY STEAL THEIR WIFI FROM THE NEXT ISLAND!


HAVE YOU HEARD FROM YOUR PARENTS?
NOT YET. I HOPE THEY'RE OK... I'VE BEEN TOTALLY GLUED TO THE NEWS!
5.18
BACK TO TRAPEZIA NOW, WHERE THE CAPITAL IS ENGULFED IN PROTESTERS.
LET'S TALK TO AN AMERICAN TOURIST WHO'S BEEN TWEETING VIDEO FROM A DOWNTOWN HOTEL.
MORRIS, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
LOUD AND CLEAR, SANDERSON!
DAD?!

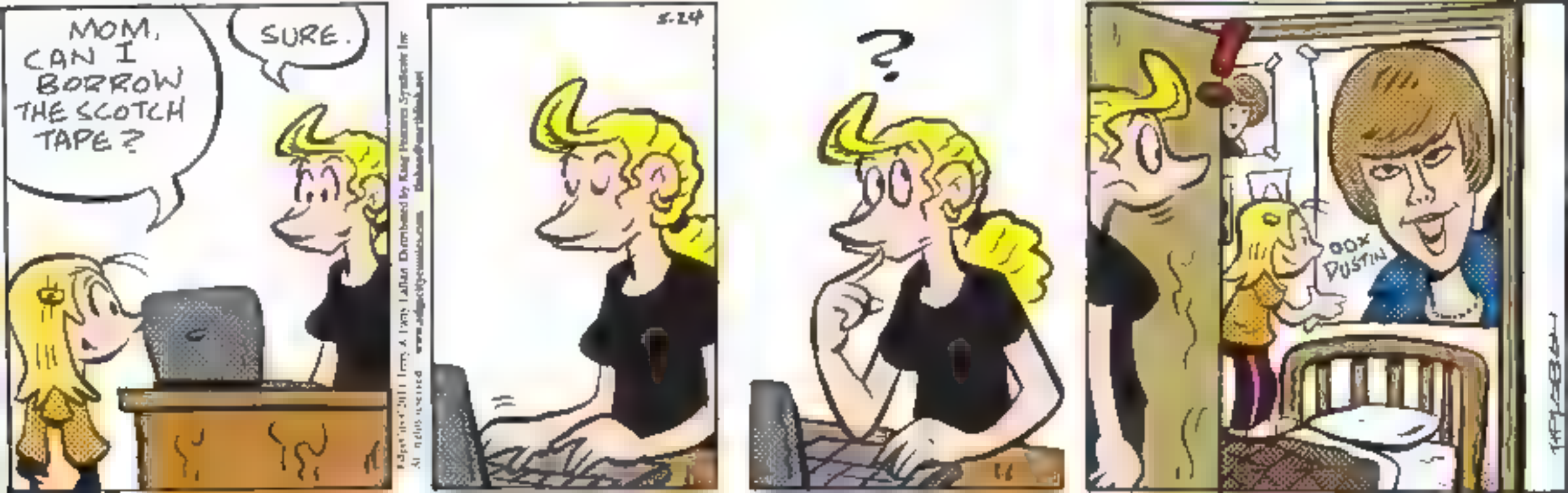

ABBY, IT'S MOM!
THANK GOODNESS! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
FOR NOW. THE PROTESTS ARE GETTING BIGGER, BUT THE HOTEL'S WELL GUARDED.
WE SHOULD BE OK AS LONG AS WE DON'T MAKE OURSELVES TARGETS.
WHICH MAY BE EASIER SAID THAN DONE.
C'MON, EDNA-- JUST ENOUGH VIDEO FOR ONE MORE TWEET!
5.19


LEN, I GOT A TEXT FROM MY MOM-- THEY'RE BEING EVACUATED FROM TRAPEZIA!
THANK GOOD-NESS!
IT'S TOO BAD THEIR VACATION WAS RUINED, THOUGH.
OH, I DON'T KNOW.
YOUR DAD'S BEEN ON CNN 3 NIGHTS IN A ROW! HE'S PROBABLY HAVING THE TIME OF HIS LIFE!
MORRIS, GET ON THE BOAT!
NOOO!
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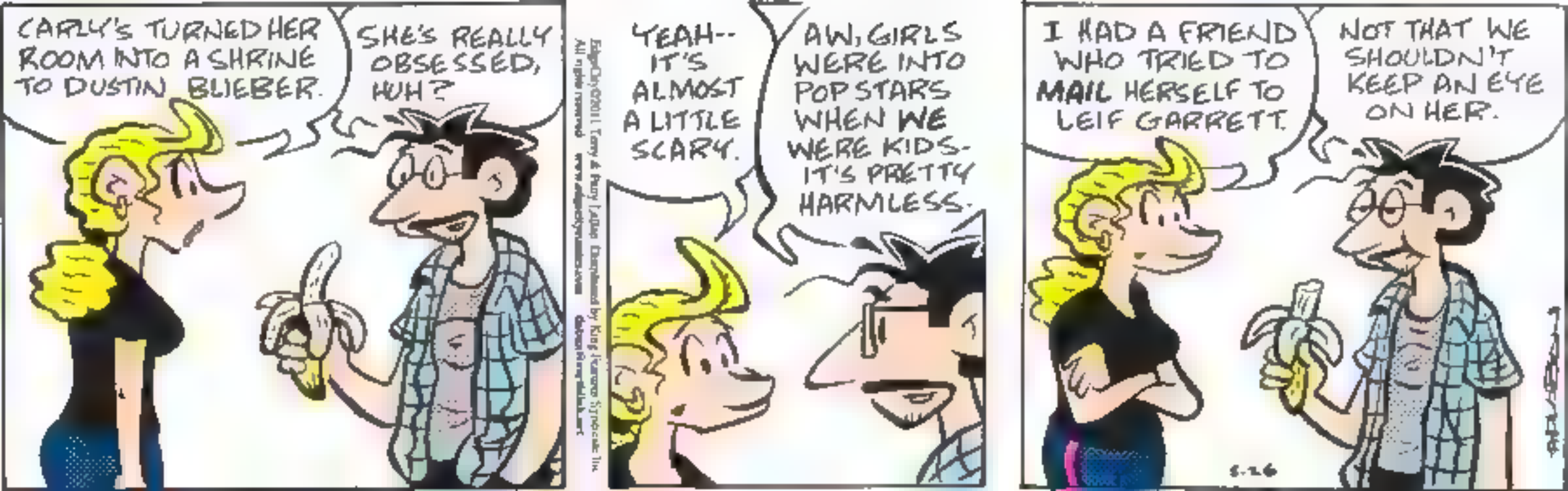

MOM, DAD! THANK GOODNESS YOU MADE IT BACK!
IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK, ABBY.
I'M SORRY YOUR TRIP WAS RUINED BY A REVOLUTION.
RUINED?
WHO NEEDS A BEACH VACATION WHEN YOU CAN WITNESS HISTORY IN THE MAKING?
5.21
ME!
I'M WRITING A MEMOIR.


DON'T FORGET YOUR LUNCH... DON'T FORGET YOUR PERMISSION SLIP.
DON'T FORGET YOUR SOCCER BAG... DON'T FORGET YOUR BOOK REPORT.
DON'T FORGET TO MAIL THE CAMP HEALTH FORMS... DON'T FORGET TO CALL THE MECHANIC.
OH NO--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
WHAT'S WRONG, ABBY?
I FORGOT MY LAPTOP!!
5-22

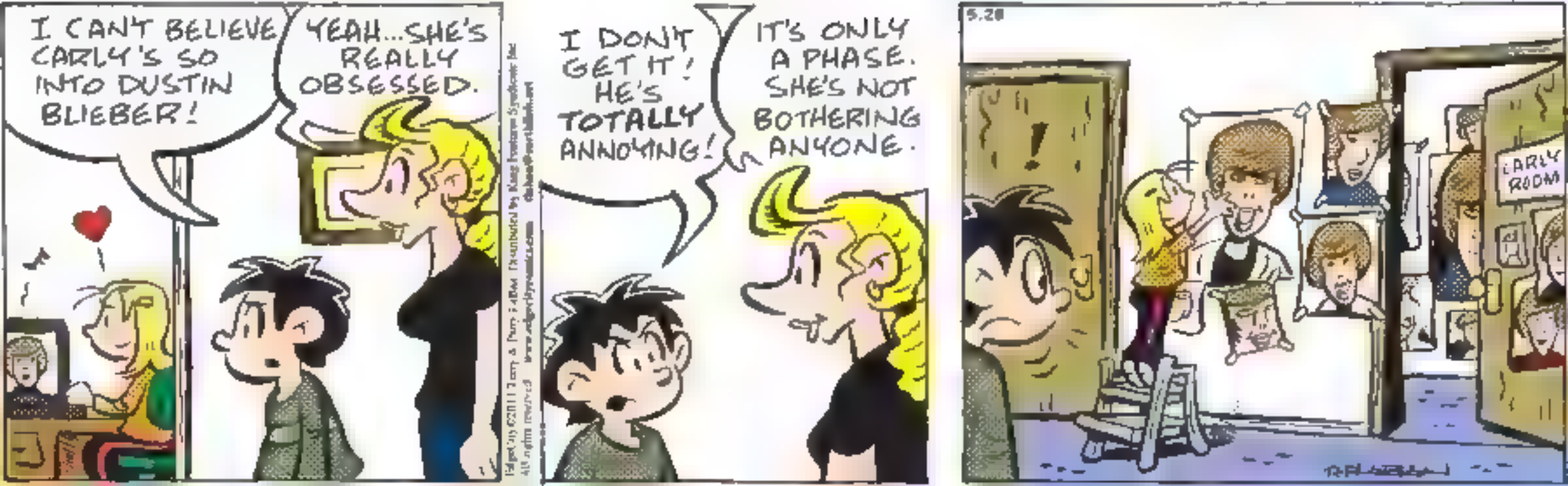

WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL, COLIN?
ALL THE GIRLS ARE TOTALLY INTO DUSTIN BLIEBER.
THE POP STAR?
YEAH--IT'S SO ANNOYING. HE LOOKS LIKE A GIRL AND HE CAN'T EVEN SING!
AW, IT'LL PASS. ANYHOW, IT'S NOT ALL THE GIRLS-- I HAVEN'T HEARD YOUR SISTER TALK ABOUT HIM.
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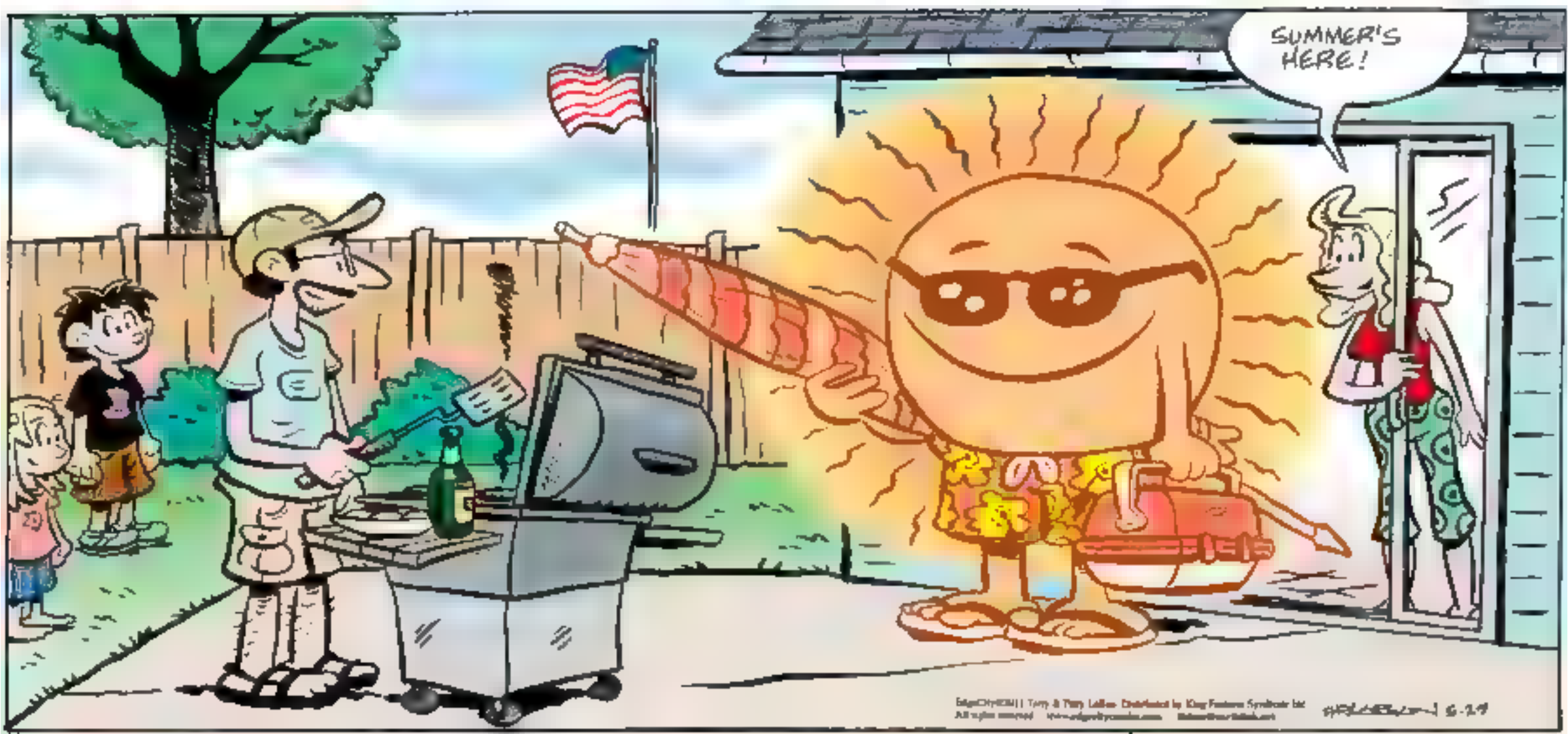

MOM, CAN I BORROW THE SCOTCH TAPE?
SURE.
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?
OOX DUSTIN

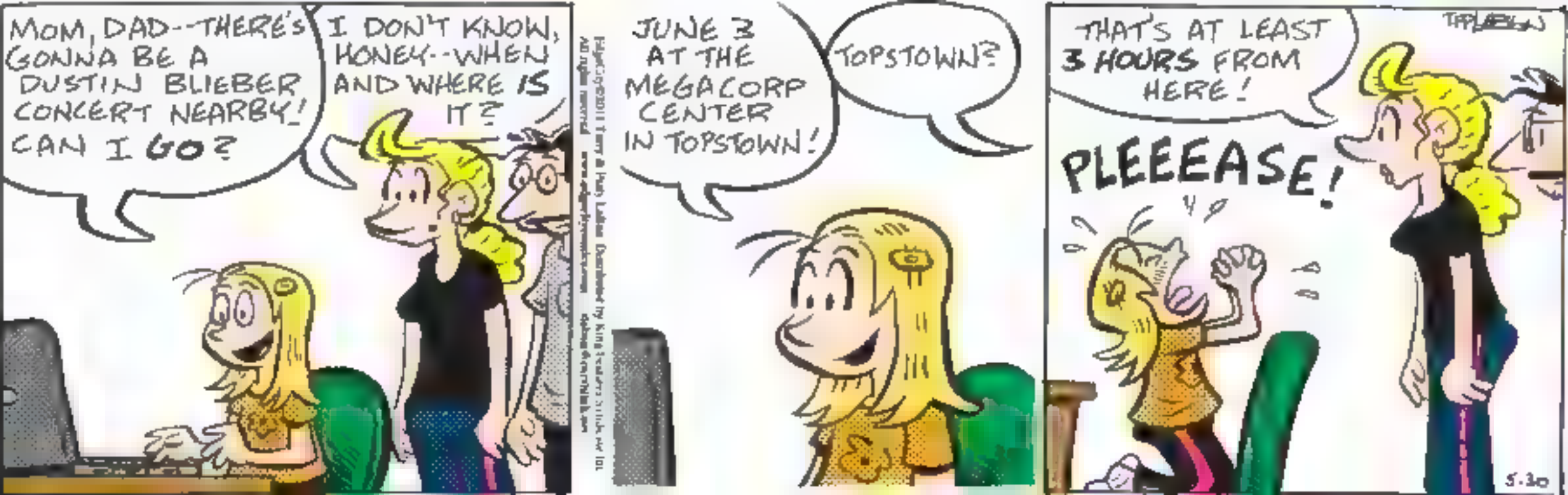

GOSH, HONEY--I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE SUCH A DUSTIN BLIEBER FAN.
I'M NOT A DUSTIN BLIEBER FAN!
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH IT. A FAN IS JUST SOMEONE WHO LIKES A PERFORMER.
I DON'T LIKE DUSTIN BLIEBER.
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I LIVE FOR HIM!
HEH!

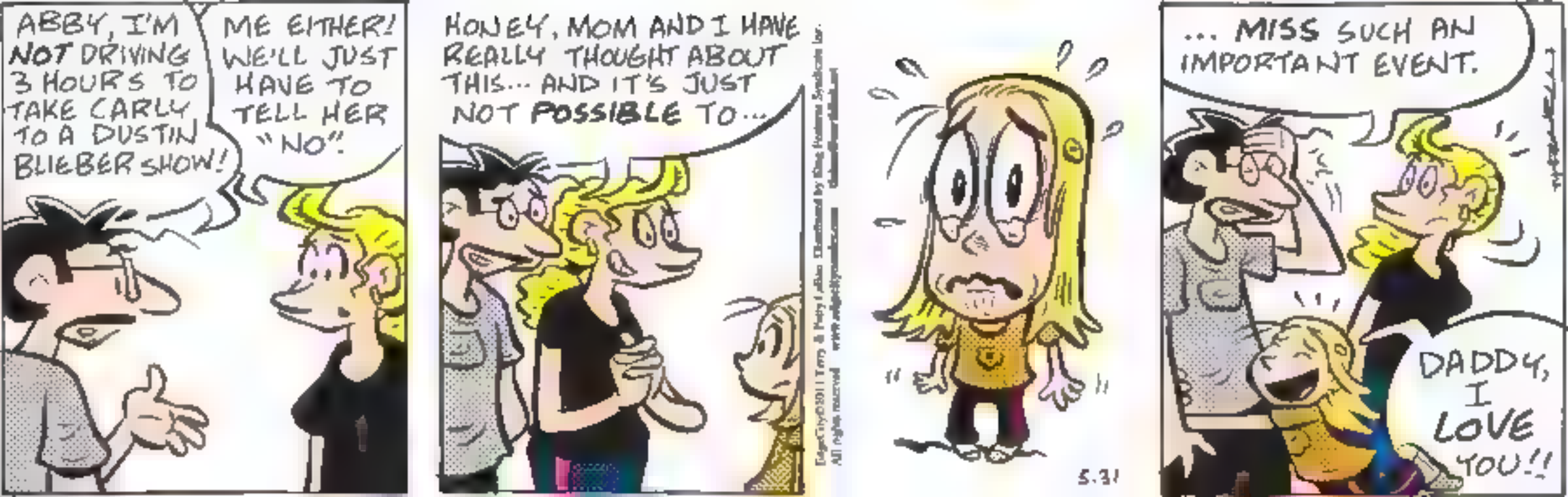

CARLY'S TURNED HER ROOM INTO A SHRINE TO DUSTIN BIEBER.
SHE'S REALLY OBSESSED, HUH?
YEAH-- IT'S ALMOST A LITTLE SCARY.
AW, GIRLS WERE INTO POP STARS WHEN WE WERE KIDS- IT'S PRETTY HARMLESS.
I HAD A FRIEND WHO TRIED TO MAIL HERSELF TO LEIF GARRETT.
NOT THAT WE SHOULDN'T KEEP AN EYE ON HER.
5-26
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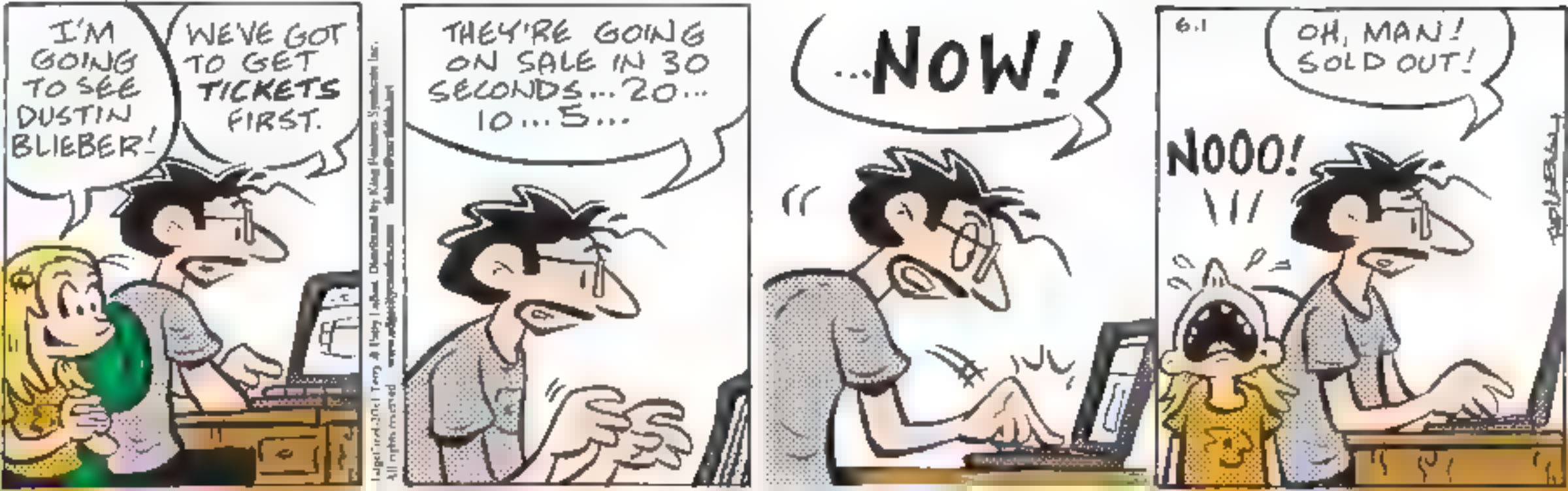

EEEEEE
EEEEEE
EEEE!
CARLY, WHAT IS IT?!
THERE'S GONNA BE A DUSTIN BLIEBER CONCERT HERE!!
HELLO, 911? FORGET IT.
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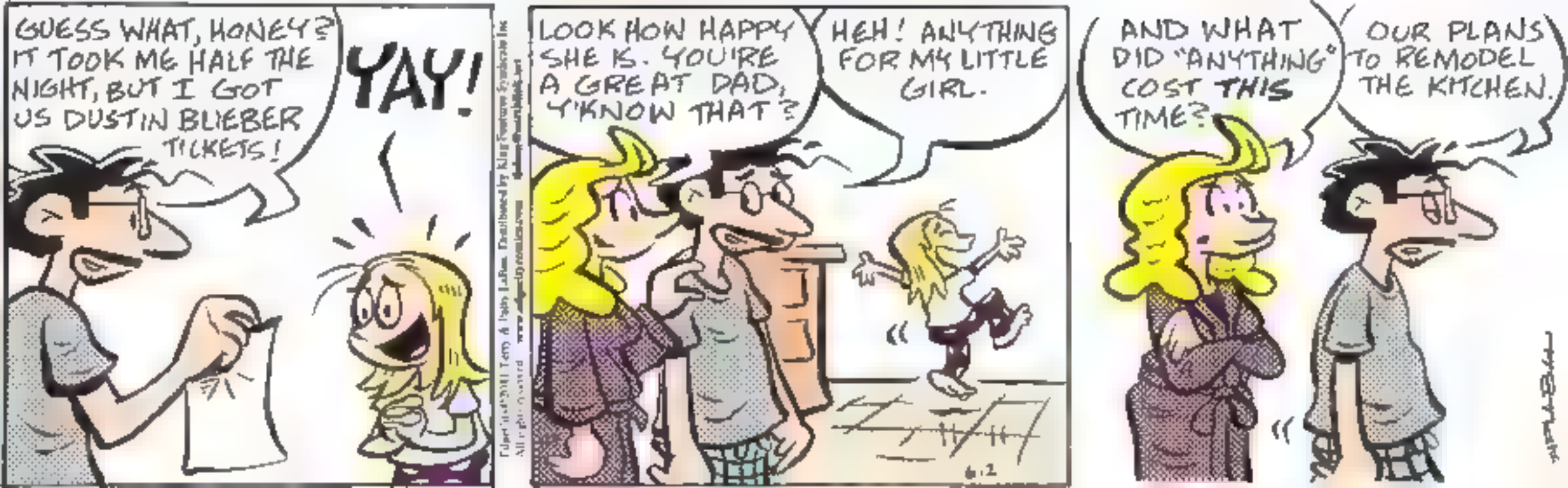

I CAN'T BELIEVE CARLY'S SO INTO DUSTIN BLIEBER!
YEAH...SHE'S REALLY OBSESSED.
I DON'T GET IT! HE'S TOTALLY ANNOYING!
IT'S ONLY A PHASE. SHE'S NOT BOTHERING ANYONE.
5.28
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CARLY'S ROOM

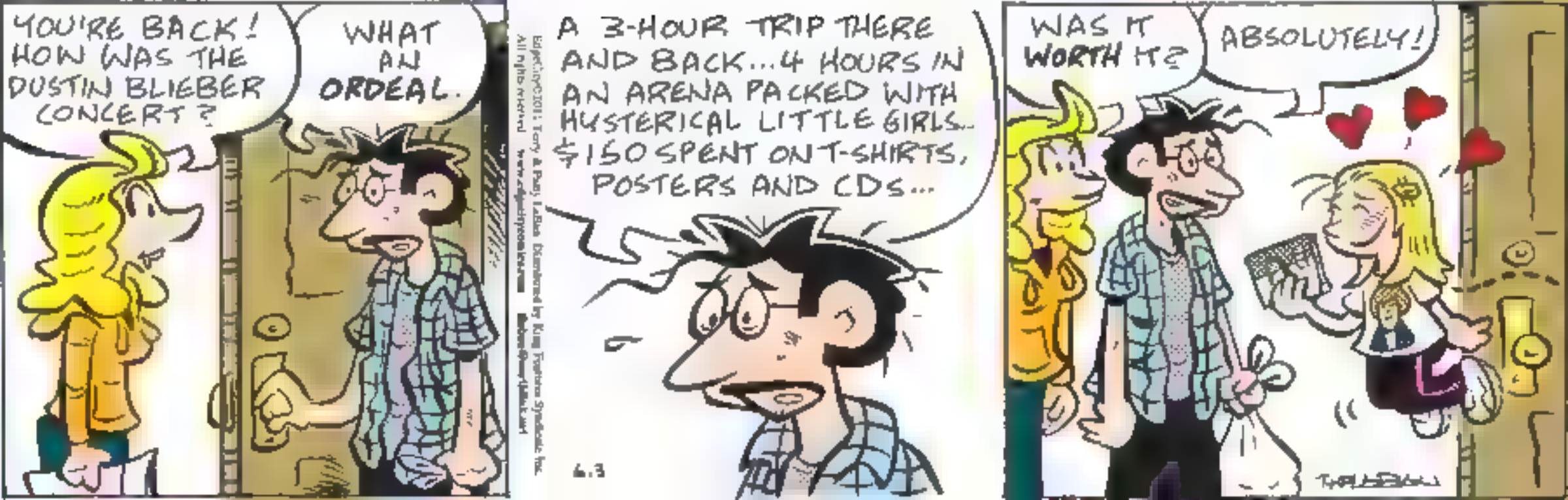

SUMMER'S HERE!

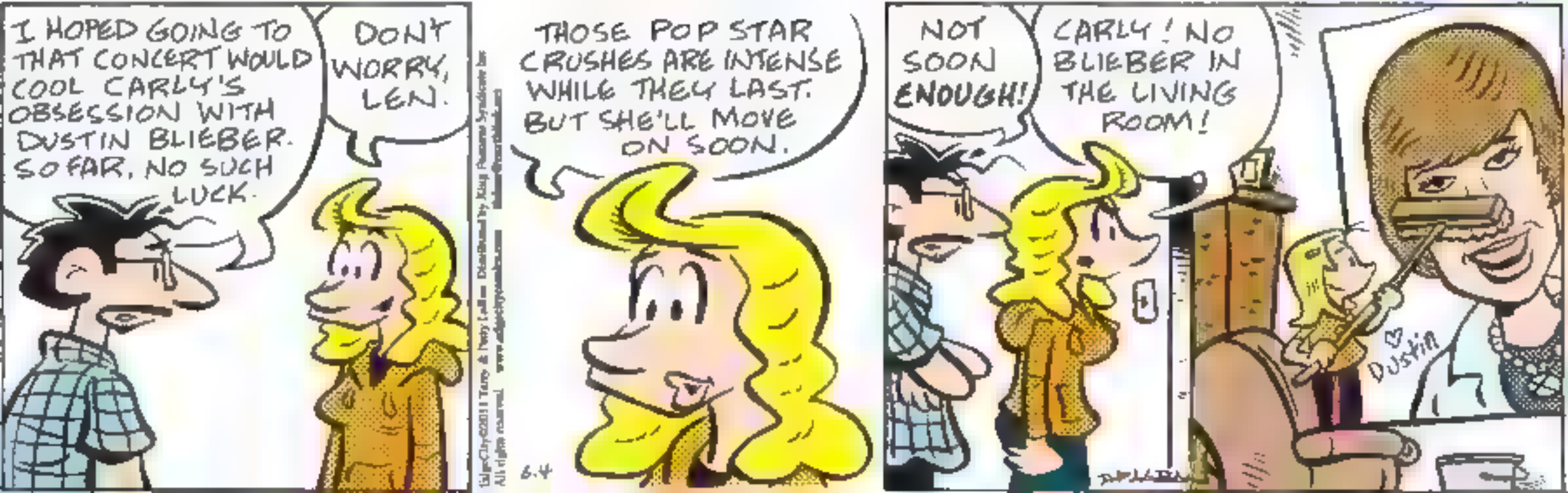

MOM, DAD--THERE'S GONNA BE A DUSTIN BLIEBER CONCERT NEARBY! CAN I GO?
I DON'T KNOW, HONEY--WHEN AND WHERE IS IT?
JUNE 3 AT THE MEGACORP CENTER IN TOPSTOWN!
TOPSTOWN?
THAT'S AT LEAST 3 HOURS FROM HERE!
PLEEEASE!
5-30

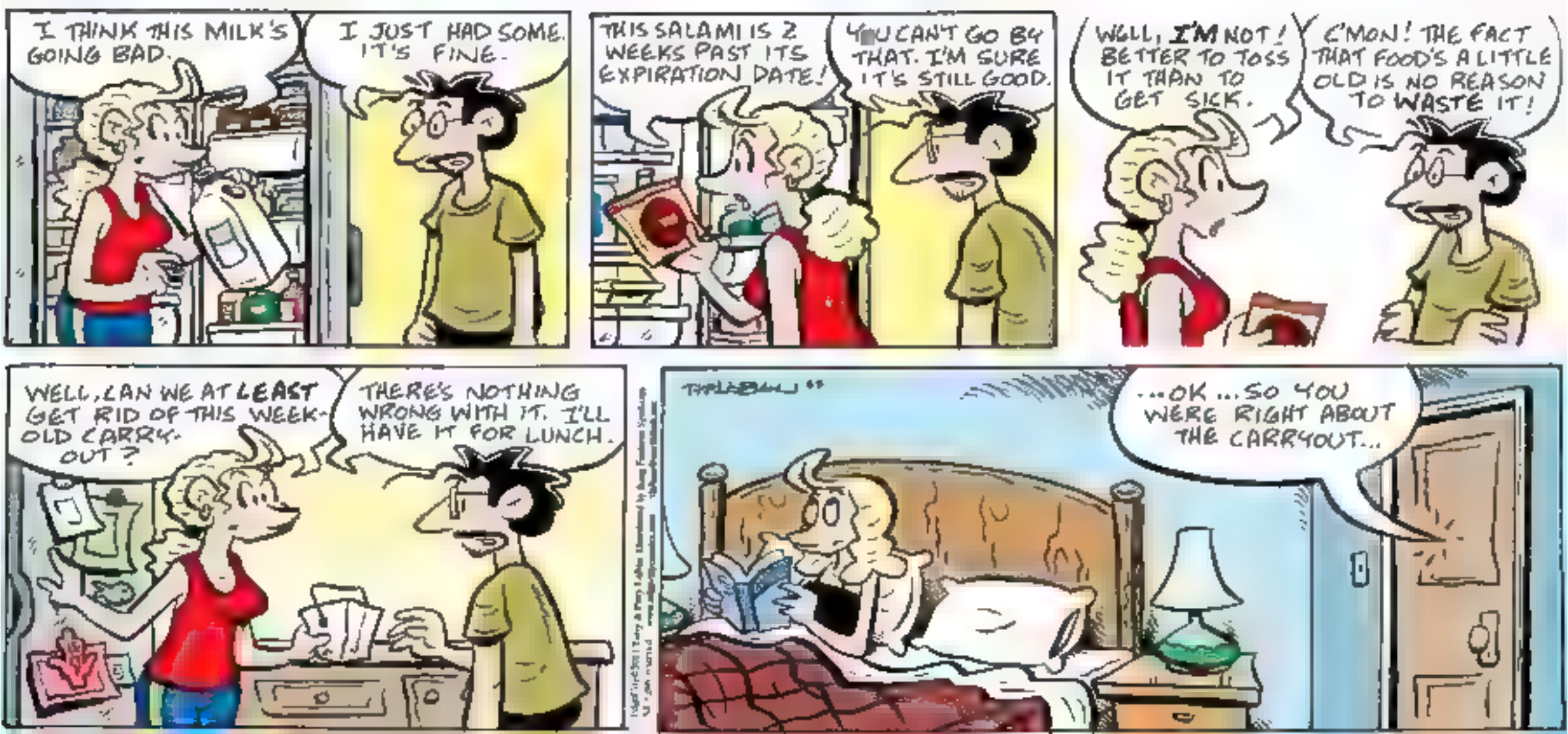

ABBY, I'M NOT DRIVING 3 HOURS TO TAKE CARLY TO A DUSTIN BLIEBER SHOW!
ME EITHER! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TELL HER "NO".
HONEY, MOM AND I HAVE REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT THIS... AND IT'S JUST NOT POSSIBLE TO...
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... MISS SUCH AN IMPORTANT EVENT.
DADDY, I LOVE YOU!!

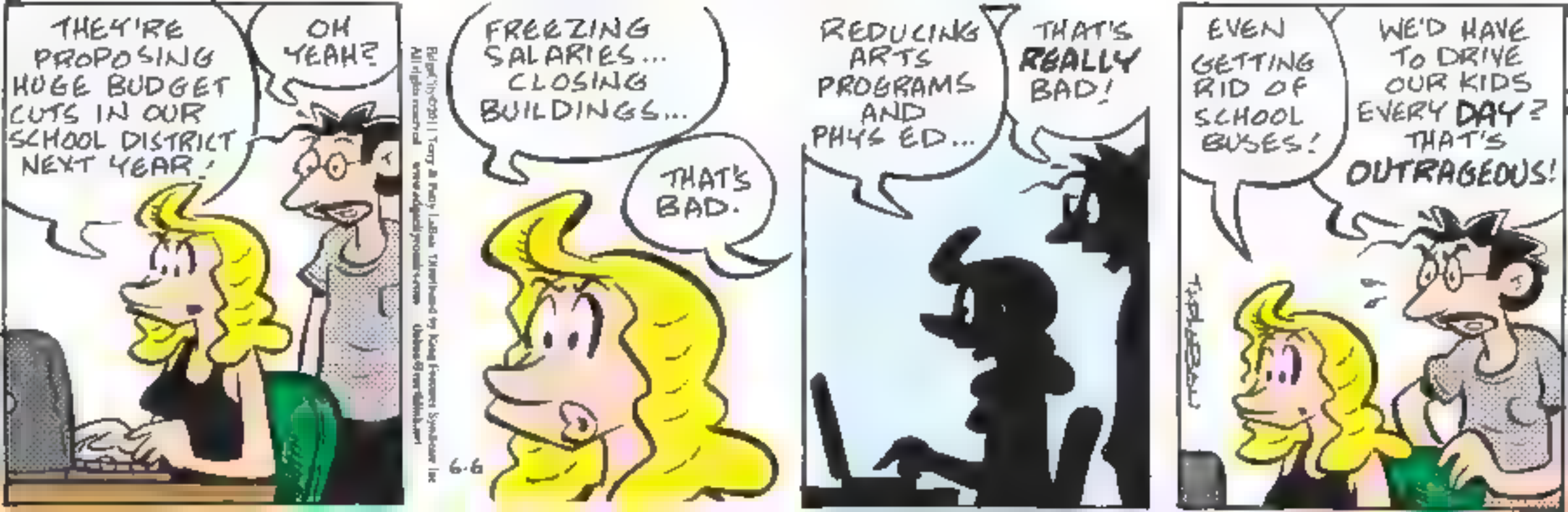

I'M GOING TO SEE DUSTIN BLIEBER!
WE'VE GOT TO GET TICKETS FIRST.
THEY'RE GOING ON SALE IN 30 SECONDS... 20... 10... 5...
...NOW!
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OH, MAN! SOLD OUT!
NOOO!

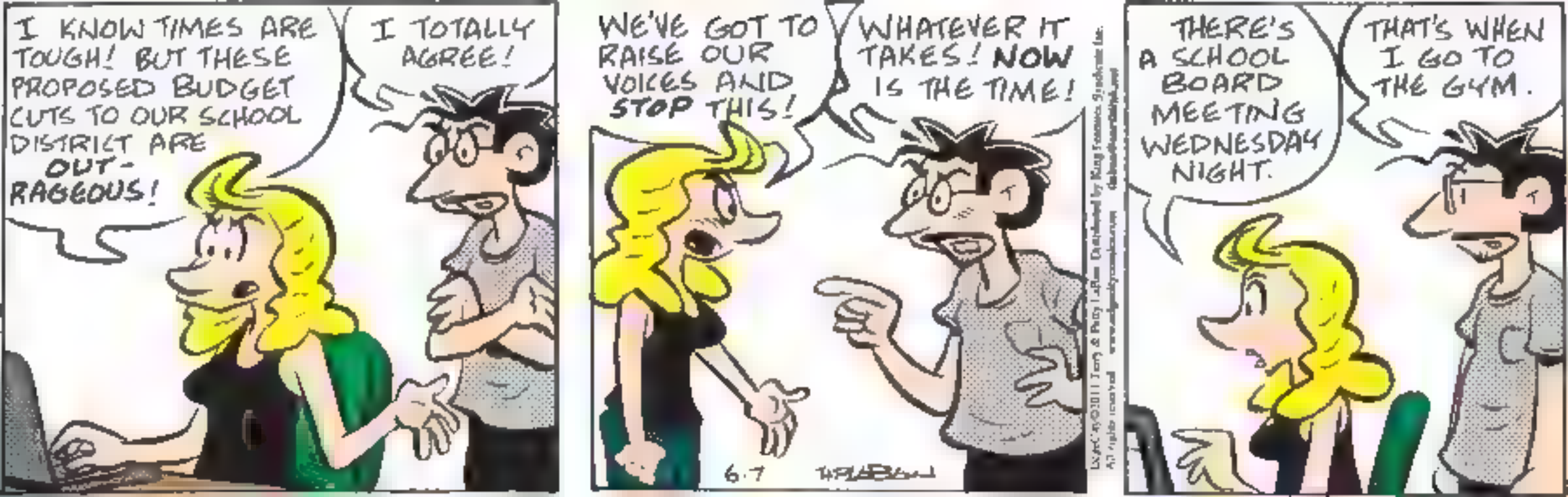

GUESS WHAT, HONEY? IT TOOK ME HALF THE NIGHT, BUT I GOT US DUSTIN BLIEBER TICKETS!
YAY!
LOOK HOW HAPPY SHE IS. YOU'RE A GREAT DAD, Y'KNOW THAT?
HEH! ANYTHING FOR MY LITTLE GIRL.
AND WHAT DID "ANYTHING" COST THIS TIME?
OUR PLANS TO REMODEL THE KITCHEN.

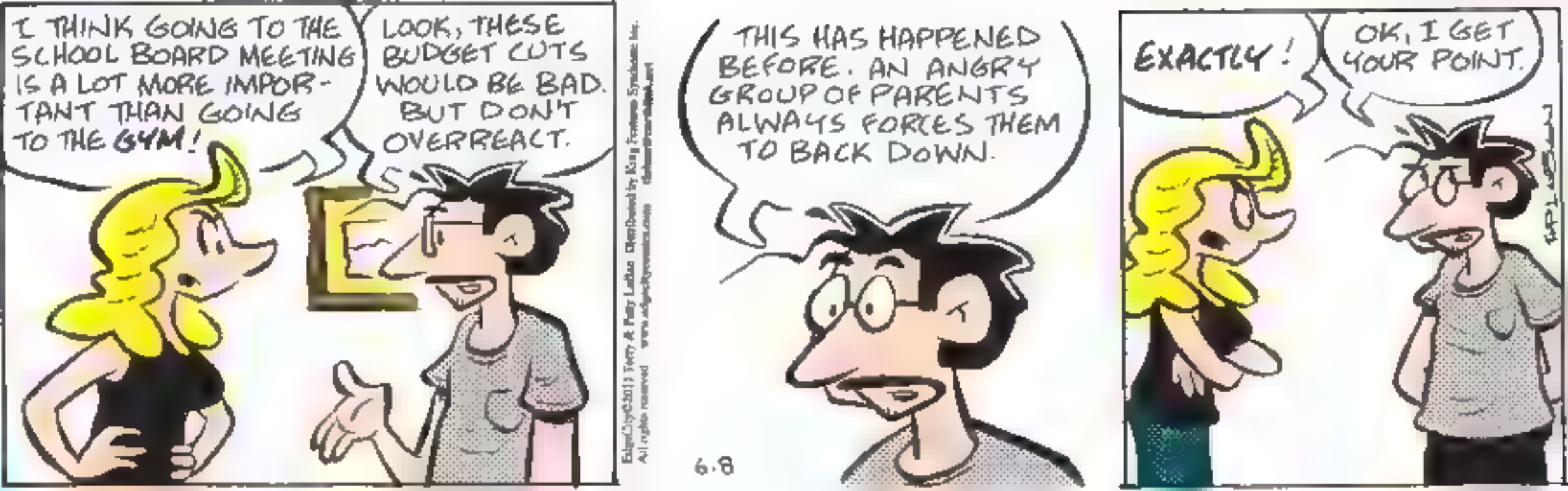

YOU'RE BACK! HOW WAS THE DUSTIN BLIEBER CONCERT?
WHAT AN ORDEAL.
A 3-HOUR TRIP THERE AND BACK...4 HOURS IN AN ARENA PACKED WITH HYSTERICAL LITTLE GIRLS... $150 SPENT ON T-SHIRTS, POSTERS AND CDS...
WAS IT WORTH IT?
ABSOLUTELY!


I HOPED GOING TO THAT CONCERT WOULD COOL CARLY'S OBSESSION WITH DUSTIN BLIEBER. SO FAR, NO SUCH LUCK.
DON'T WORRY, LEN.
THOSE POP STAR CRUSHES ARE INTENSE WHILE THEY LAST. BUT SHE'LL MOVE ON SOON.
6-4
NOT SOON ENOUGH!
CARLY! NO BLIEBER IN THE LIVING ROOM!
Dustin

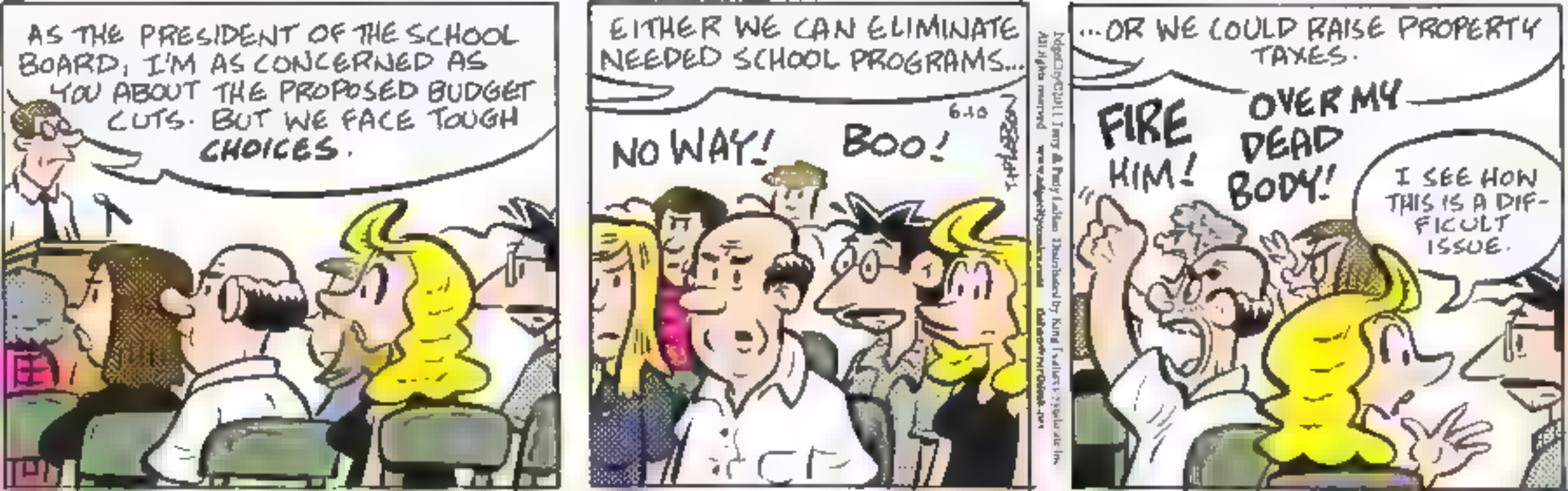

I THINK THIS MILK'S GOING BAD.
I JUST HAD SOME. IT'S FINE.
THIS SALAMI IS 2 WEEKS PAST ITS EXPIRATION DATE!
YOU CAN'T GO BY THAT. I'M SURE IT'S STILL GOOD.
WELL, I'M NOT! BETTER TO TOSS IT THAN TO GET SICK.
C'MON! THE FACT THAT FOOD'S A LITTLE OLD IS NO REASON TO WASTE IT!
WELL, CAN WE AT LEAST GET RID OF THIS WEEK-OLD CARRY-OUT?
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH IT. I'LL HAVE IT FOR LUNCH.
...OK ...SO YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THE CARRYOUT...

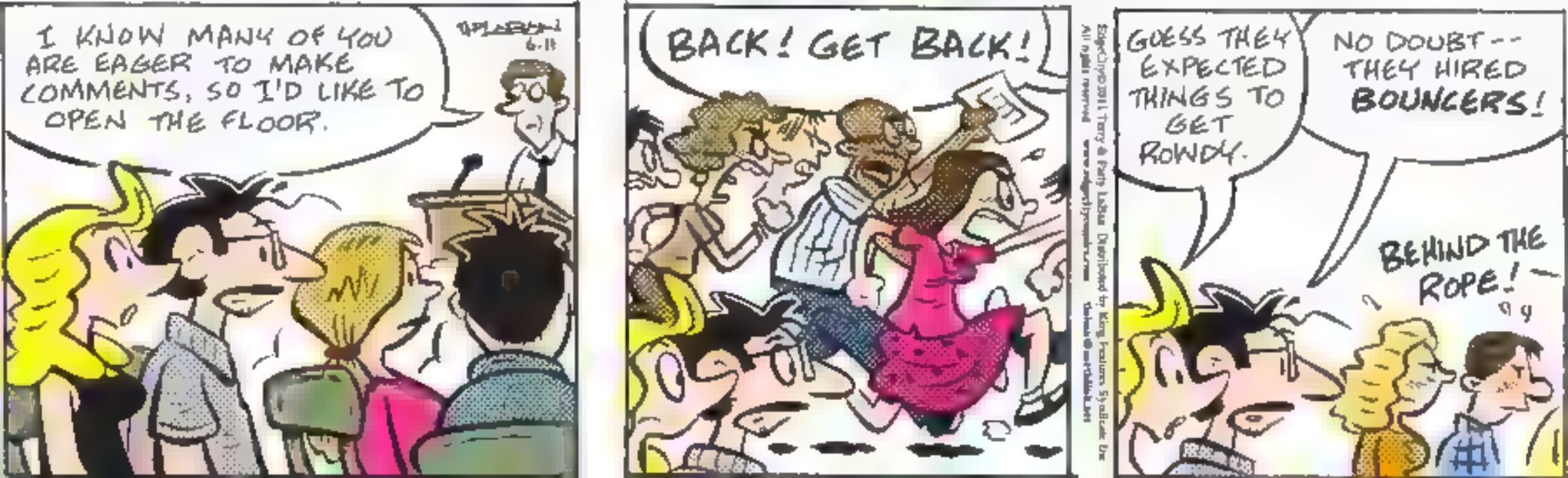

THEY'RE PROPOSING HUGE BUDGET CUTS IN OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT NEXT YEAR!
OH YEAH?
FREEZING SALARIES... CLOSING BUILDINGS...
THAT'S BAD.
REDUCING ARTS PROGRAMS AND PHYS ED...
THAT'S REALLY BAD!
EVEN GETTING RID OF SCHOOL BUSES!
WE'D HAVE TO DRIVE OUR KIDS EVERY DAY? THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS!

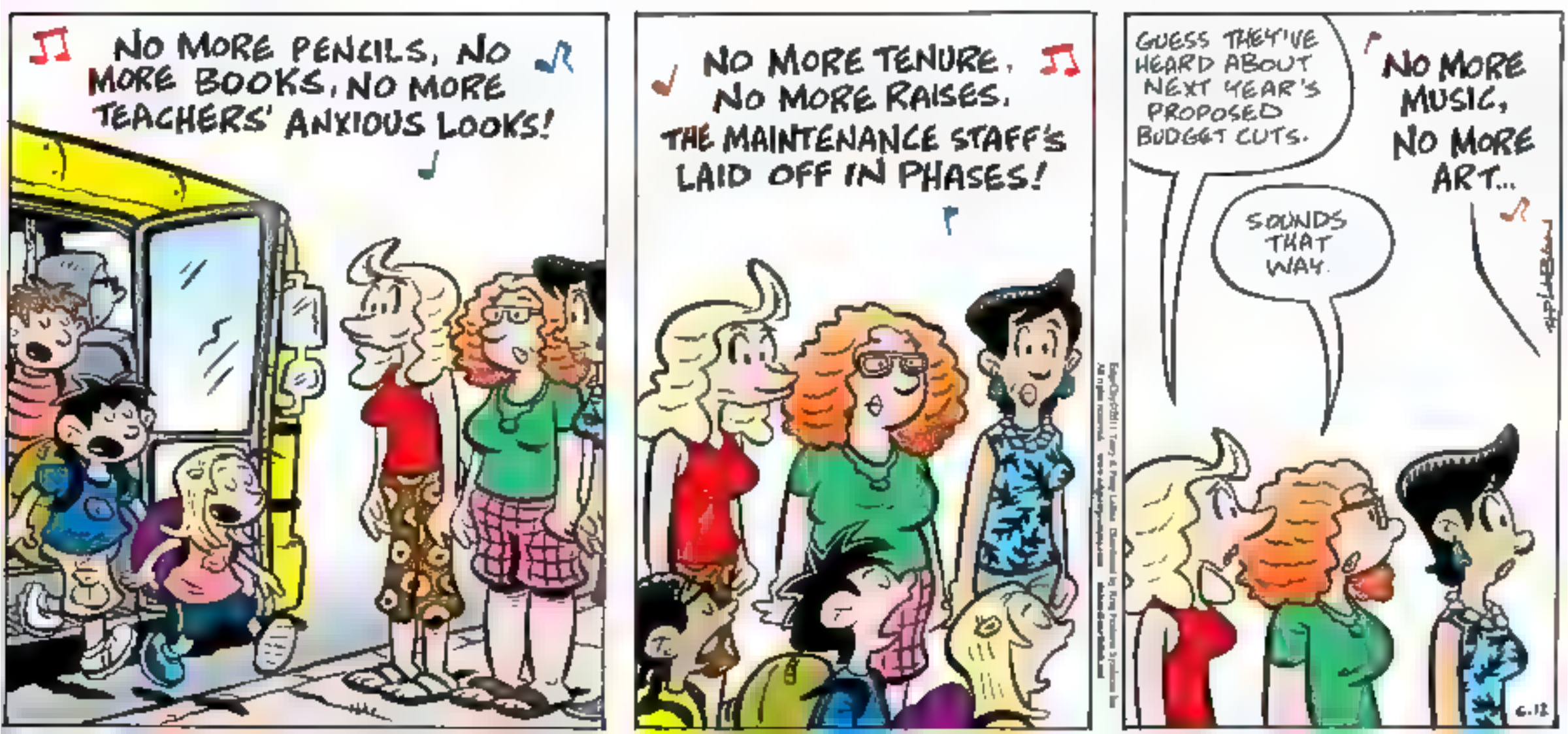

I KNOW TIMES ARE TOUGH! BUT THESE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE OUT-RAGEOUS!
I TOTALLY AGREE!
WE'VE GOT TO RAISE OUR VOICES AND STOP THIS!
WHATEVER IT TAKES! NOW IS THE TIME!
6-7
THERE'S A SCHOOL BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT.
THAT'S WHEN I GO TO THE GYM.

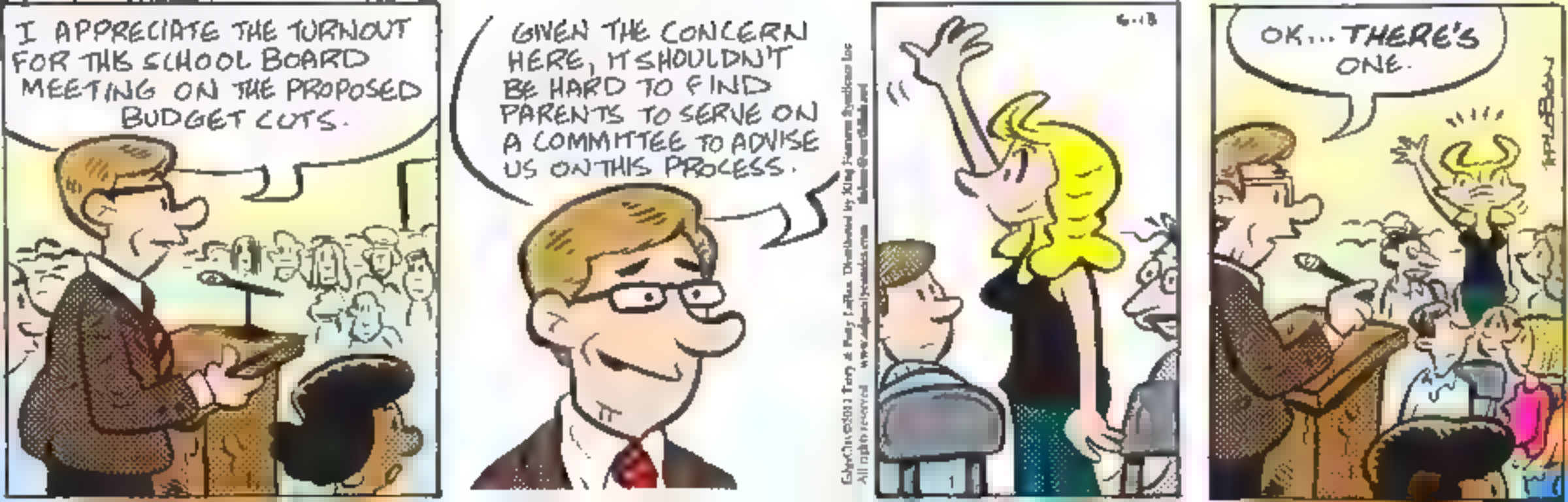

I THINK GOING TO THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING IS A LOT MORE IMPORTANT THAN GOING TO THE GYM!
LOOK, THESE BUDGET CUTS WOULD BE BAD. BUT DON'T OVERREACT.
THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE. AN ANGRY GROUP OF PARENTS ALWAYS FORCES THEM TO BACK DOWN.
EXACTLY!
OK, I GET YOUR POINT.
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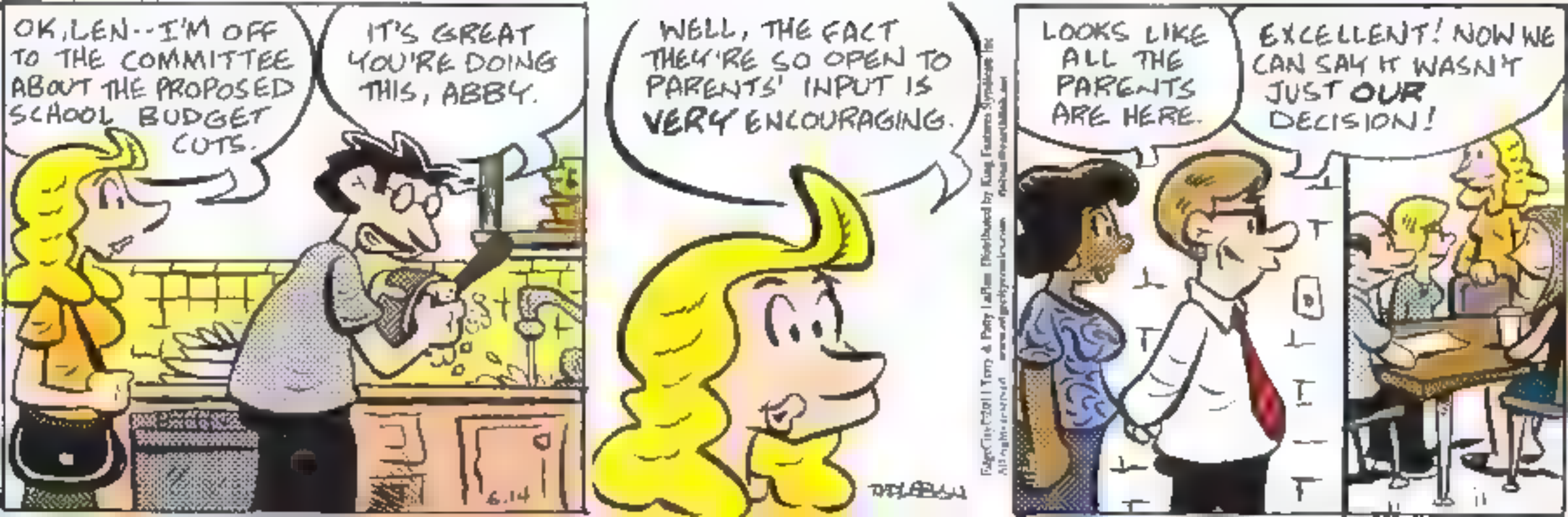

ABBY, YOU READY TO GO TO THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TO PROTEST THE BUDGET CUTS?
YEAH... JUST GATHERING MY THINGS.
I'VE GOT MY PRINTOUTS... MY NOTEBOOK...
6-7
MY BIKE HELMET... MY DAMP BANDANA...
I KNOW PEOPLE ARE MAD, BUT I STILL DON'T THINK IT'LL END WITH RIOT POLICE AND TEAR GAS.

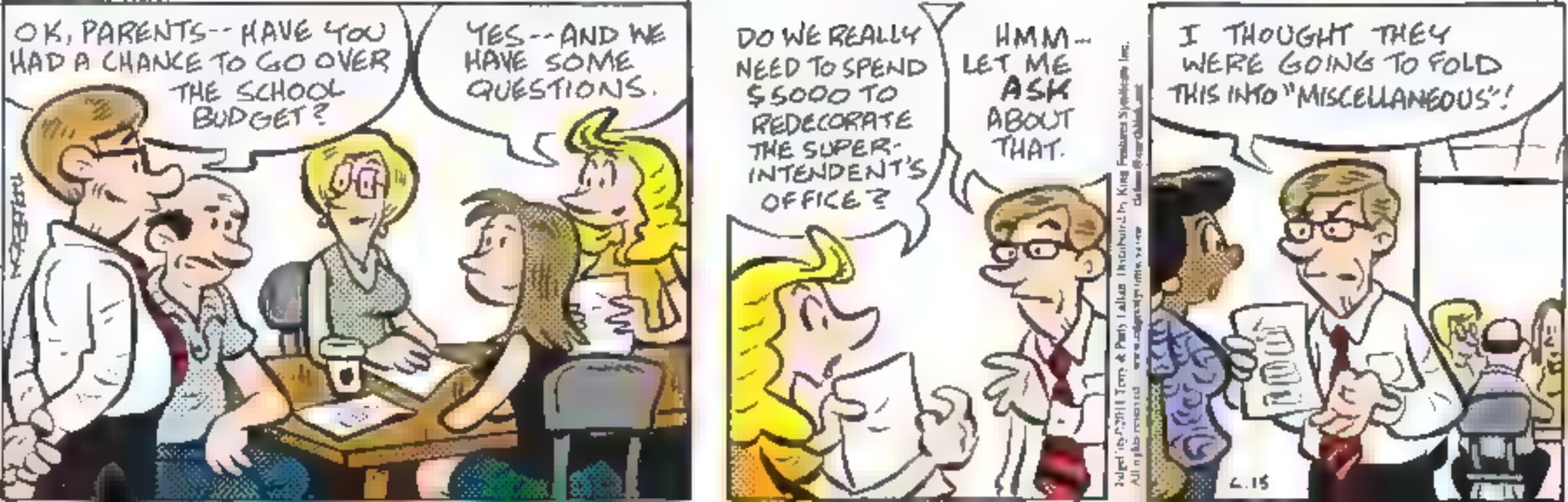

AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, I'M AS CONCERNED AS YOU ABOUT THE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS. BUT WE FACE TOUGH CHOICES.
EITHER WE CAN ELIMINATE NEEDED SCHOOL PROGRAMS...
6-10
NO WAY!
BOO!
...OR WE COULD RAISE PROPERTY TAXES.
FIRE HIM!
OVER MY DEAD BODY!
I SEE HOW THIS IS A DIFFICULT ISSUE.

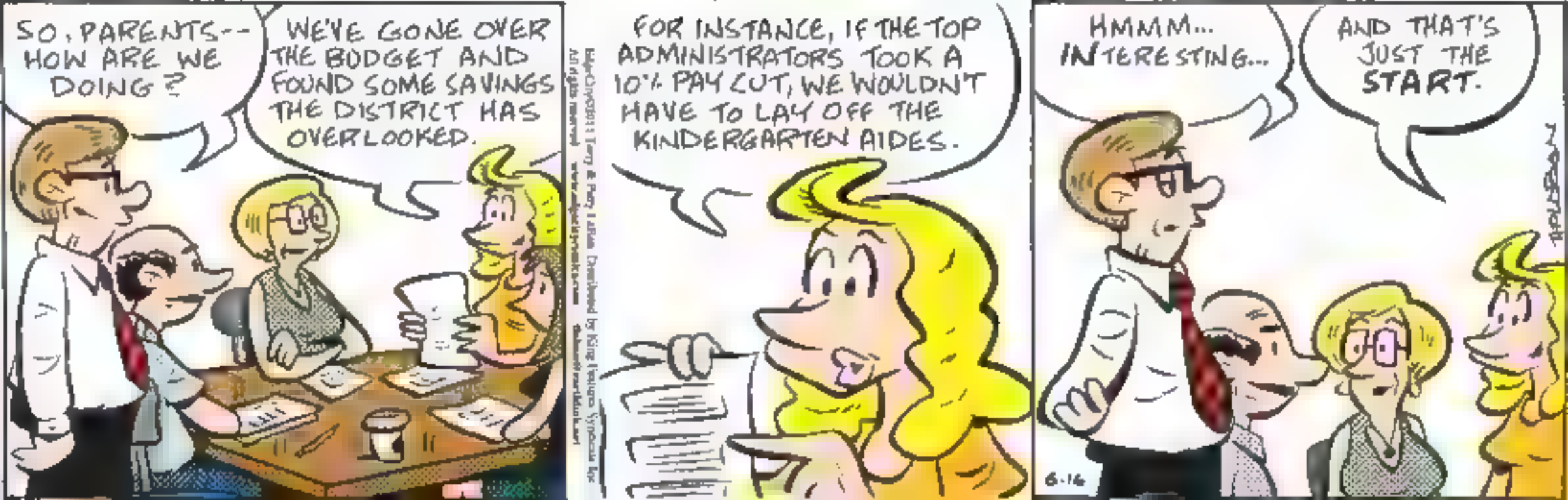

I KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE EAGER TO MAKE COMMENTS, SO I'D LIKE TO OPEN THE FLOOR.
BACK! GET BACK!
GUESS THEY EXPECTED THINGS TO GET ROWDY.
NO DOUBT -- THEY HIRED BOUNCERS!
BEHIND THE ROPE!

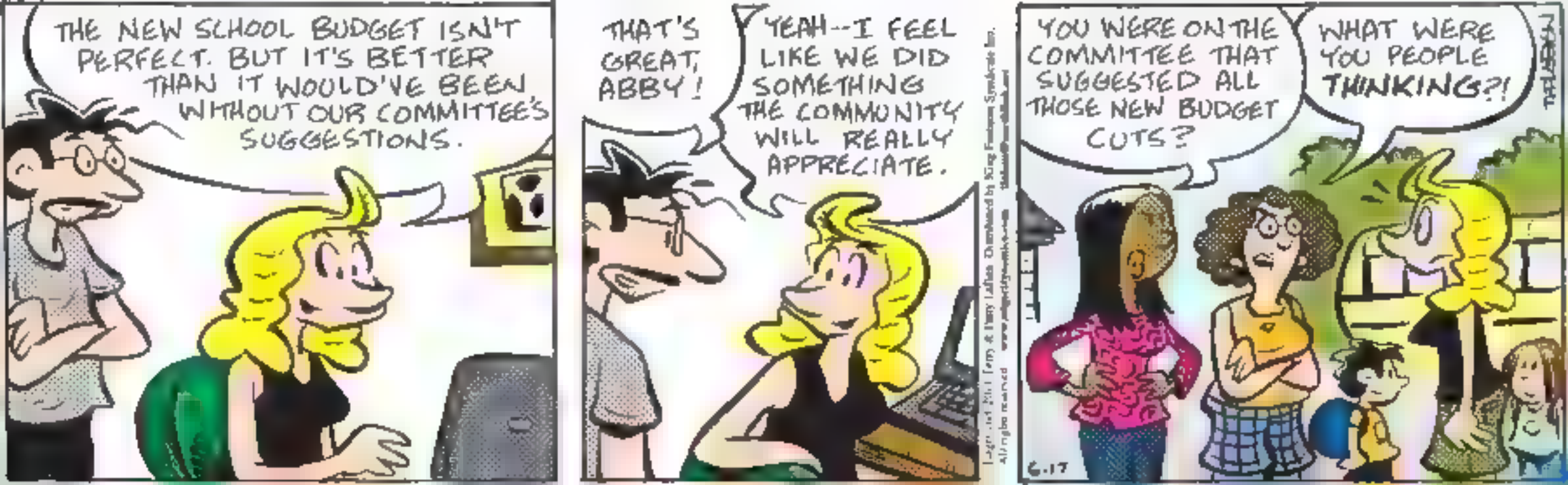

NO MORE PENCILS, NO MORE BOOKS, NO MORE TEACHERS' ANXIOUS LOOKS!
NO MORE TENURE, NO MORE RAISES, THE MAINTENANCE STAFF'S LAID OFF IN PHASES!
GUESS THEY'VE HEARD ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS.
SOUNDS THAT WAY.
NO MORE MUSIC, NO MORE ART...
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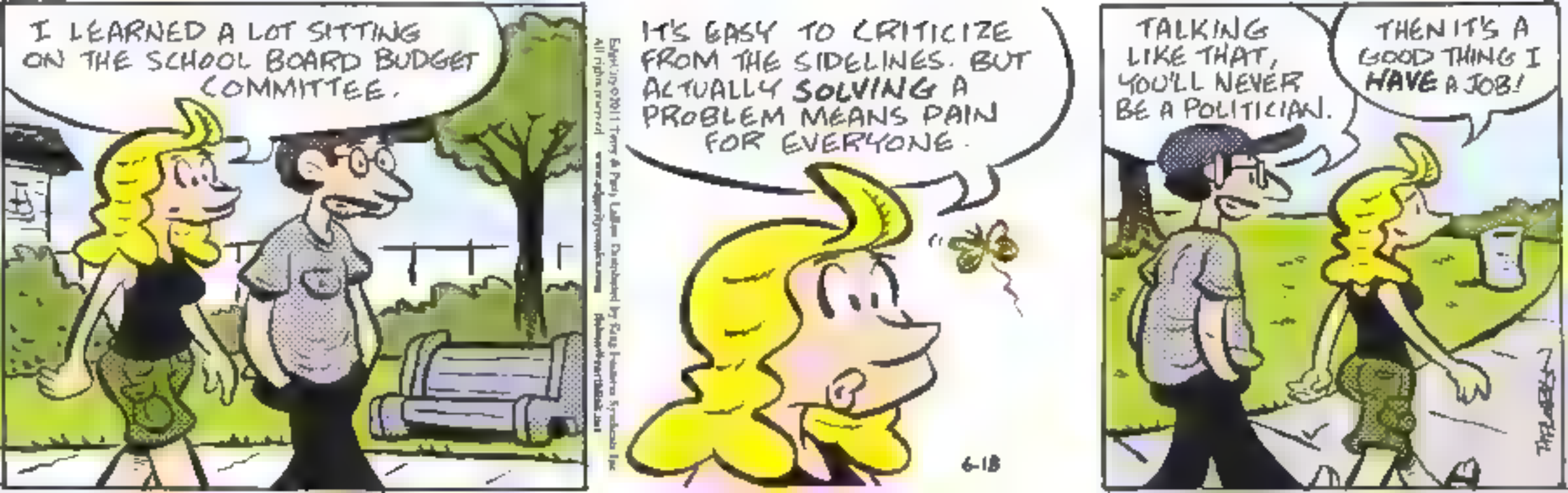

I APPRECIATE THE TURNOUT FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS.
GIVEN THE CONCERN HERE, IT SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO FIND PARENTS TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE TO ADVISE US ON THIS PROCESS.
6-18
OK... THERE'S ONE.

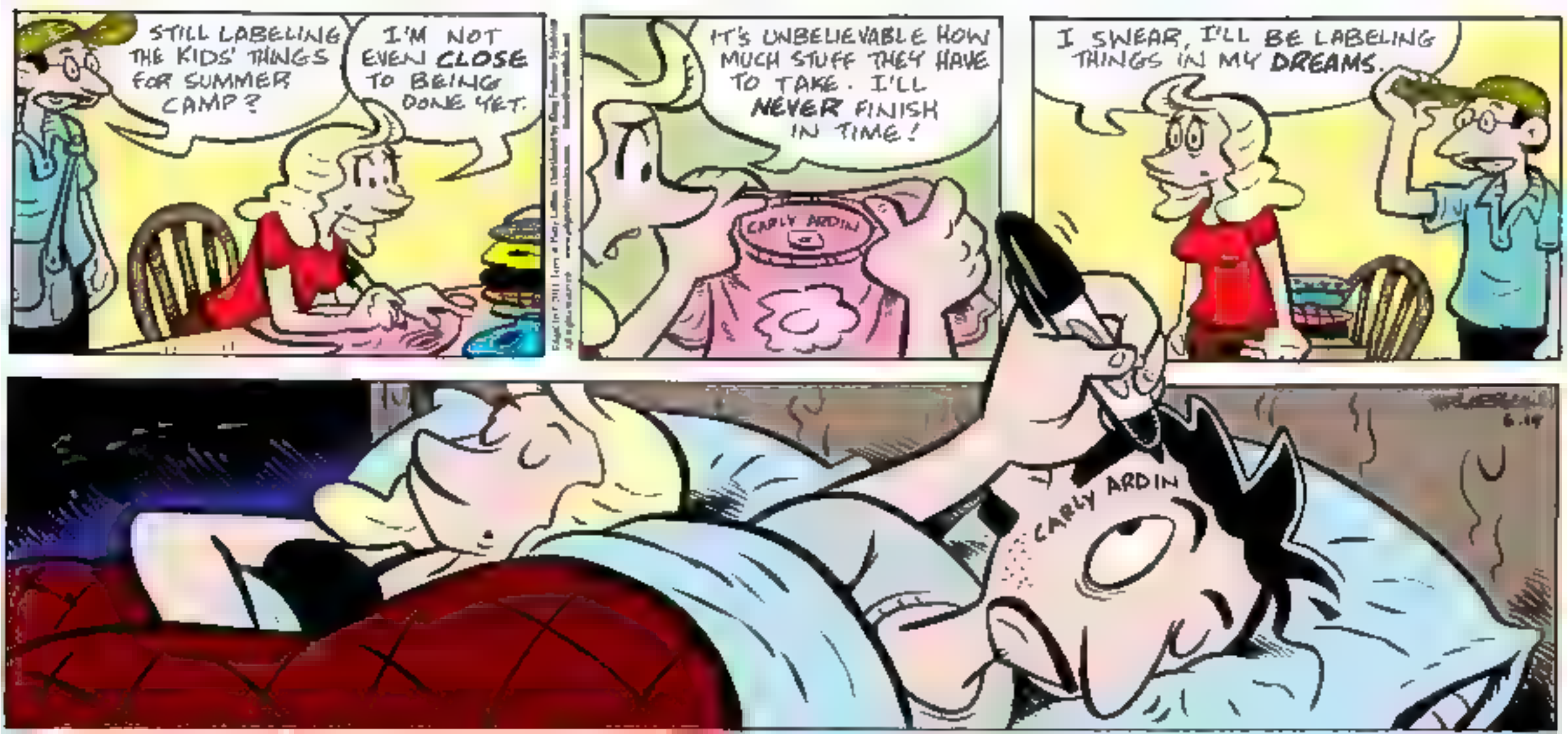

OK, LEN--I'M OFF TO THE COMMITTEE ABOUT THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET CUTS.
IT'S GREAT YOU'RE DOING THIS, ABBY.
6.14
WELL, THE FACT THEY'RE SO OPEN TO PARENTS' INPUT IS VERY ENCOURAGING.
LOOKS LIKE ALL THE PARENTS ARE HERE.
EXCELLENT! NOW WE CAN SAY IT WASN'T JUST OUR DECISION!

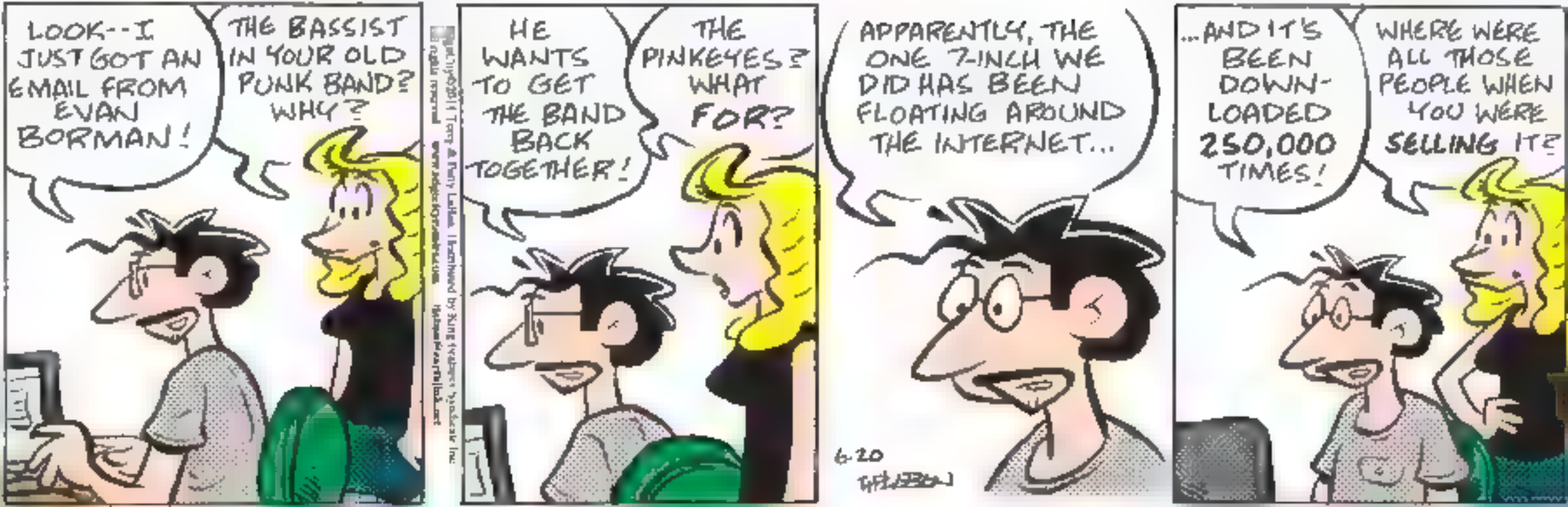

OK, PARENTS-- HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO GO OVER THE SCHOOL BUDGET?
YES-- AND WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.
DO WE REALLY NEED TO SPEND $5000 TO REDECORATE THE SUPER-INTENDENT'S OFFICE?
HMM... LET ME ASK ABOUT THAT.
I THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO FOLD THIS INTO "MISCELLANEOUS"!
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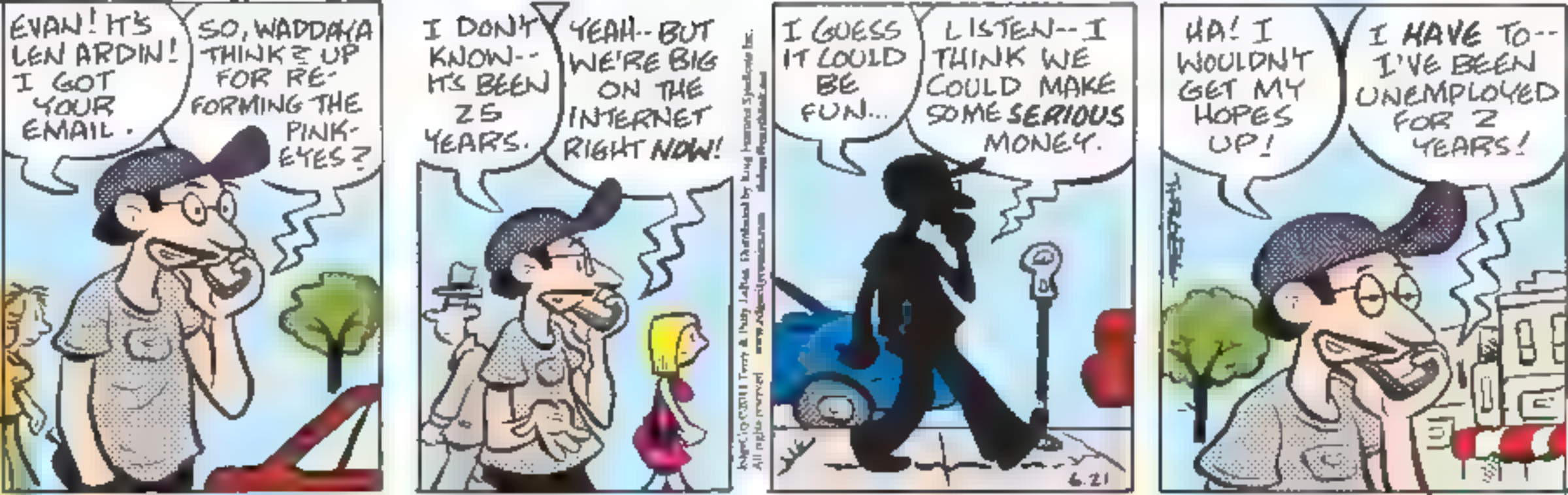

SO, PARENTS-- HOW ARE WE DOING?
WE'VE GONE OVER THE BUDGET AND FOUND SOME SAVINGS THE DISTRICT HAS OVERLOOKED.
FOR INSTANCE, IF THE TOP ADMINISTRATORS TOOK A 10% PAY CUT, WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO LAY OFF THE KINDERGARTEN AIDES.
HMMM... INTERESTING...
AND THAT'S JUST THE START.
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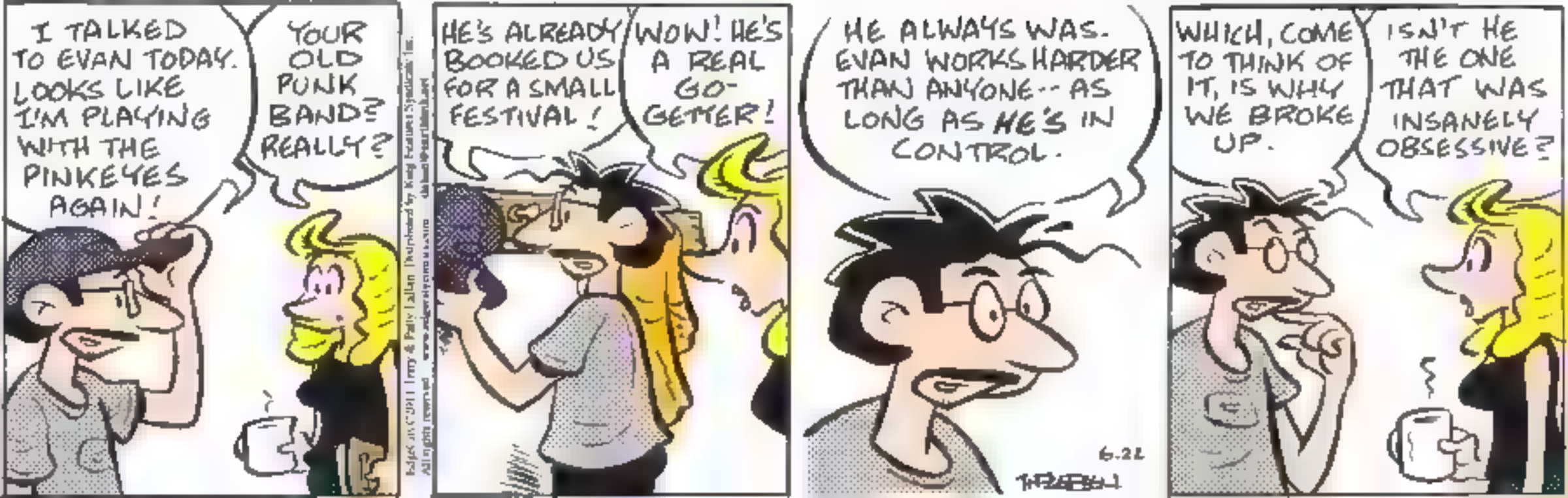

THE NEW SCHOOL BUDGET ISN'T PERFECT. BUT IT'S BETTER THAN IT WOULD'VE BEEN WITHOUT OUR COMMITTEE'S SUGGESTIONS.
THAT'S GREAT, ABBY!
YEAH--I FEEL LIKE WE DID SOMETHING THE COMMUNITY WILL REALLY APPRECIATE.
YOU WERE ON THE COMMITTEE THAT SUGGESTED ALL THOSE NEW BUDGET CUTS?
WHAT WERE YOU PEOPLE THINKING?!
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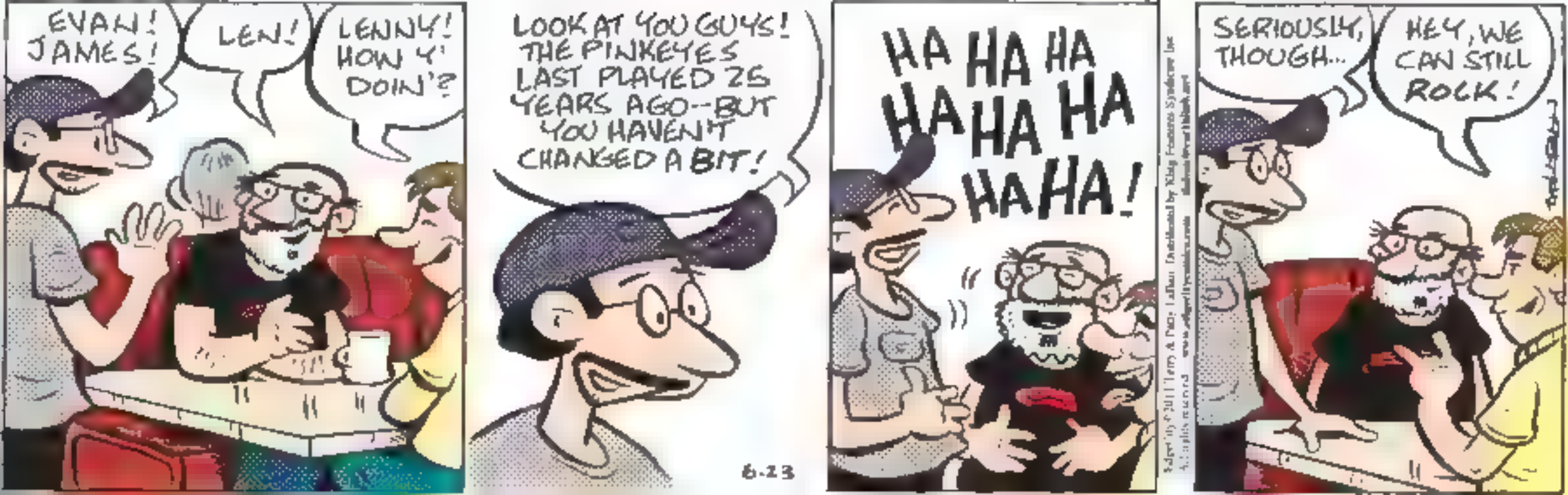

I LEARNED A LOT SITTING ON THE SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET COMMITTEE.
IT'S EASY TO CRITICIZE FROM THE SIDELINES. BUT ACTUALLY SOLVING A PROBLEM MEANS PAIN FOR EVERYONE.
6-18
TALKING LIKE THAT, YOU'LL NEVER BE A POLITICIAN.
THEN IT'S A GOOD THING I HAVE A JOB!


STILL LABELING THE KIDS' THINGS FOR SUMMER CAMP?
I'M NOT EVEN CLOSE TO BEING DONE YET.
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE HOW MUCH STUFF THEY HAVE TO TAKE. I'LL NEVER FINISH IN TIME!
CARLY ARDIN
I SWEAR, I'LL BE LABELING THINGS IN MY DREAMS.
CARLY ARDIN

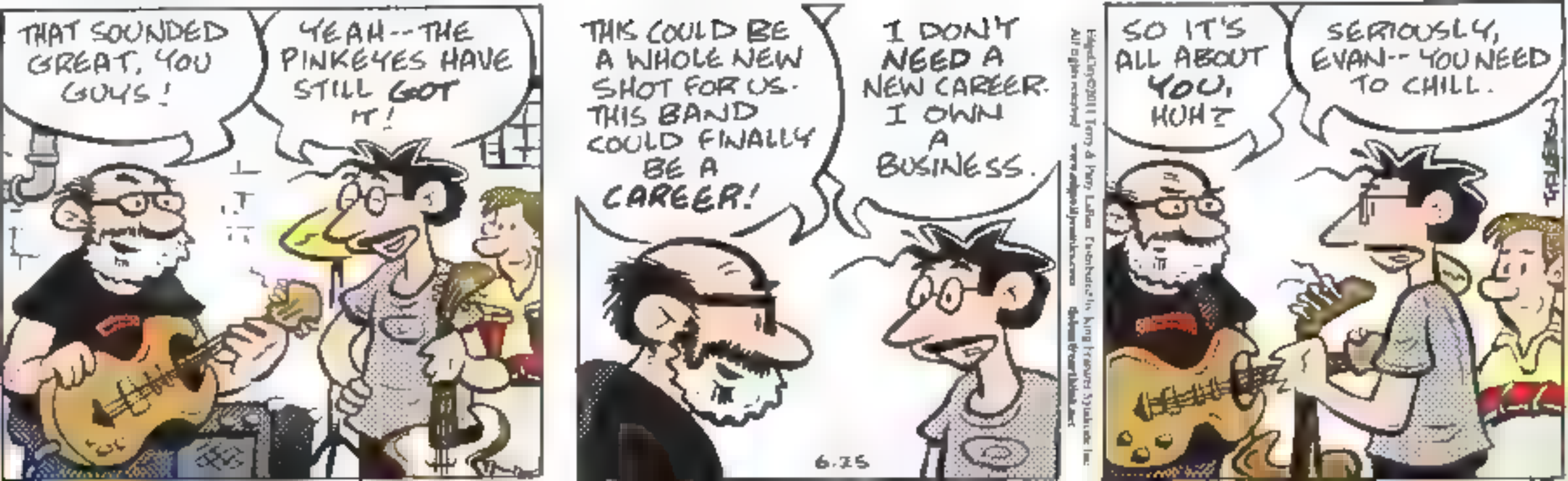

LOOK--I JUST GOT AN EMAIL FROM EVAN BORMAN!
THE BASSIST IN YOUR OLD PUNK BAND? WHY?
HE WANTS TO GET THE BAND BACK TOGETHER!
THE PINKEYES? WHAT FOR?
APPARENTLY, THE ONE 7-INCH WE DID HAS BEEN FLOATING AROUND THE INTERNET...
6-20
...AND IT'S BEEN DOWN-LOADED 250,000 TIMES!
WHERE WERE ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHEN YOU WERE SELLING IT?

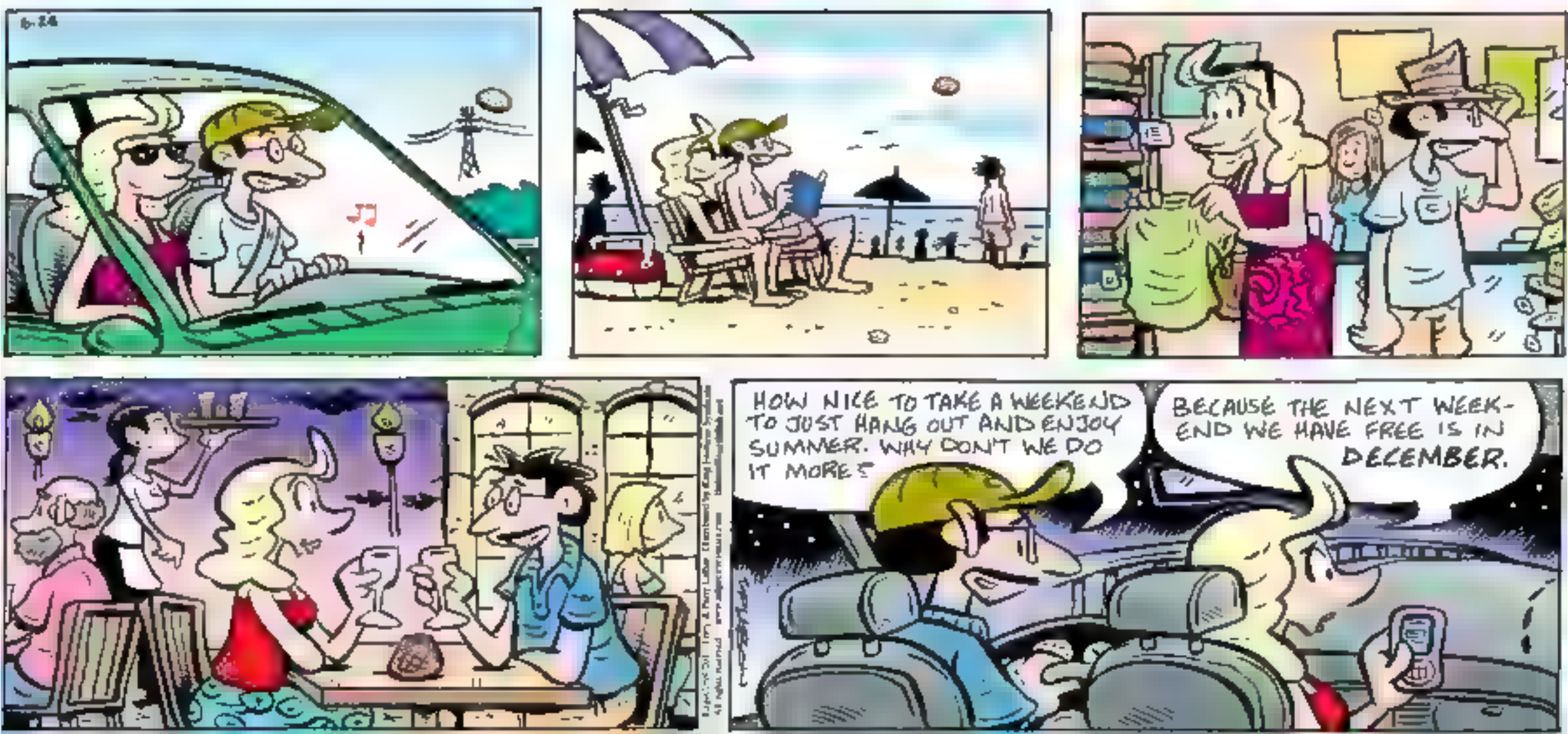

EVAN! IT'S LEN ARDIN! I GOT YOUR EMAIL.
SO, WADDAYA THINK? UP FOR RE-FORMING THE PINK-EYES?
I DON'T KNOW-- IT'S BEEN 25 YEARS.
YEAH-- BUT WE'RE BIG ON THE INTERNET RIGHT NOW!
I GUESS IT COULD BE FUN...
LISTEN-- I THINK WE COULD MAKE SOME SERIOUS MONEY.
6.21
HA! I WOULDN'T GET MY HOPES UP!
I HAVE TO-- I'VE BEEN UNEMPLOYED FOR 2 YEARS!


I TALKED TO EVAN TODAY. LOOKS LIKE I'M PLAYING WITH THE PINKEYES AGAIN!
YOUR OLD PUNK BAND? REALLY?
HE'S ALREADY BOOKED US FOR A SMALL FESTIVAL!
WOW! HE'S A REAL GO-GETTER!
HE ALWAYS WAS. EVAN WORKS HARDER THAN ANYONE -- AS LONG AS HE'S IN CONTROL.
6.22
WHICH, COME TO THINK OF IT, IS WHY WE BROKE UP.
ISN'T HE THE ONE THAT WAS INSANELY OBSESSIVE?

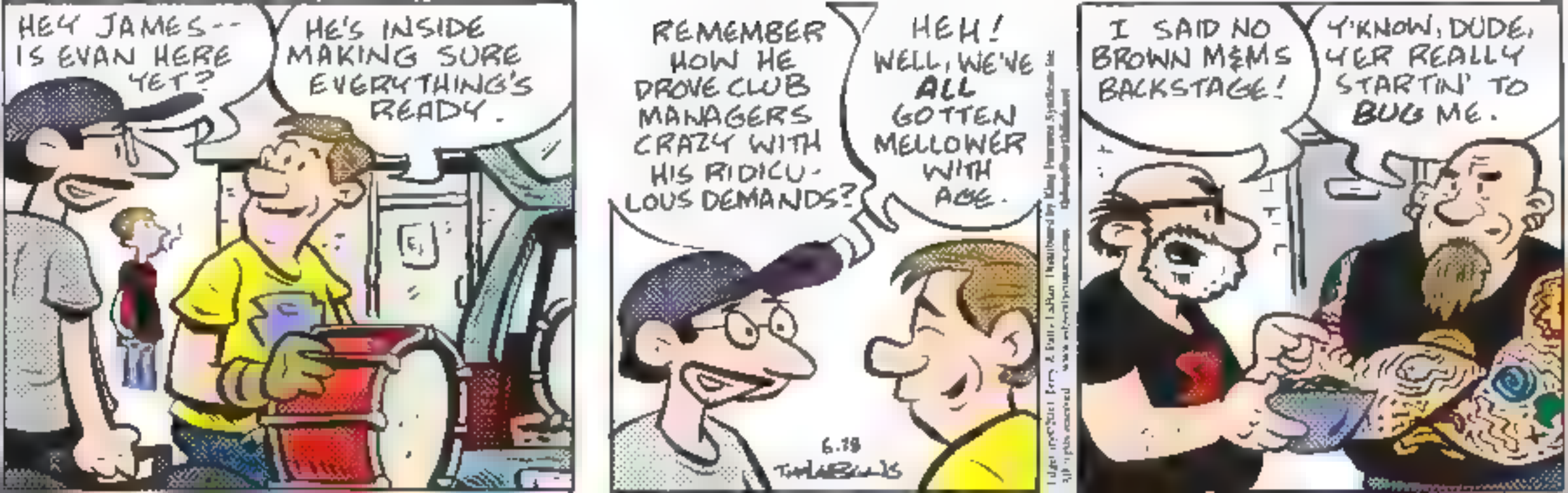

EVAN! JAMES!
LEN!
LENNY! HOW Y' DOIN'?
LOOK AT YOU GUYS! THE PINKEYES LAST PLAYED 25 YEARS AGO--BUT YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT!
6-23
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
SERIOUSLY, THOUGH...
HEY, WE CAN STILL ROCK!


OK, LEN - LET'S TRY "PARENTAL UNITS."
♫ YOU GIVE ME GRIEF, YOU PUSH ME AROUND, I CAN'T WAIT TILL YOU'RE 6 FEET UNDERGROUND! ♫
6.24
I CAN'T SING THAT ANYMORE.
YOU'VE GOT TO! IT'S THE CLOSEST THING TO A HIT WE EVER HAD!

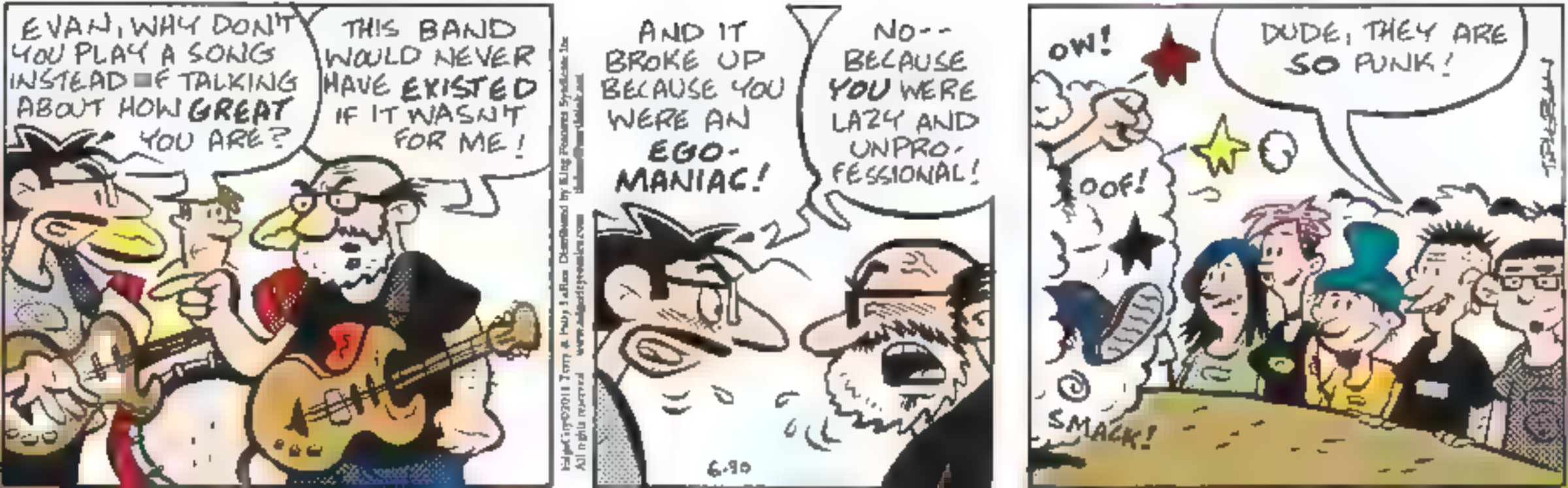

THAT SOUNDED GREAT, YOU GUYS!
YEAH--THE PINKEYES HAVE STILL GOT IT!
THIS COULD BE A WHOLE NEW SHOT FOR US. THIS BAND COULD FINALLY BE A CAREER!
I DON'T NEED A NEW CAREER. I OWN A BUSINESS.
6.25
SO IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU, HUH?
SERIOUSLY, EVAN--YOU NEED TO CHILL.


HOW NICE TO TAKE A WEEKEND TO JUST HANG OUT AND ENJOY SUMMER. WHY DON'T WE DO IT MORE?
BECAUSE THE NEXT WEEKEND WE HAVE FREE IS IN DECEMBER.

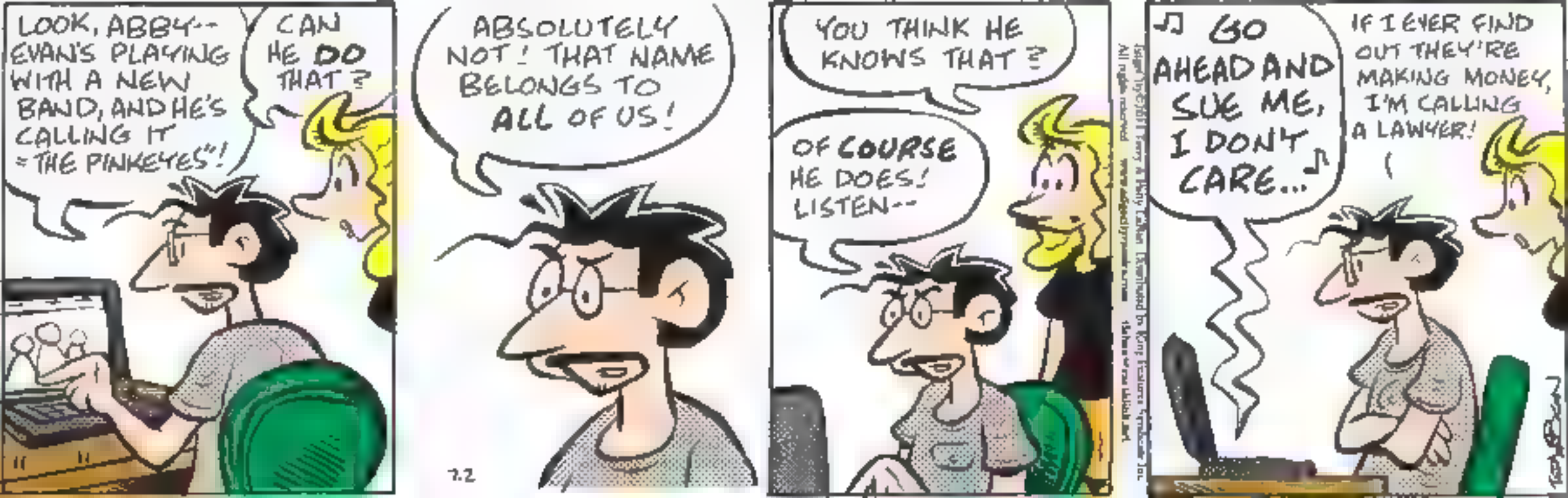

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE PLAYING WITH THE PINKEYES AGAIN!
ME EITHER.
MOST OF THE PEOPLE AT THIS FESTIVAL PROBABLY WEREN'T EVEN BORN THE LAST TIME WE PLAYED TOGETHER.
6-27
DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL EXCITED?
ACTUALLY, IT MAKES ME FEEL OLD.


HEY JAMES-- IS EVAN HERE YET?
HE'S INSIDE MAKING SURE EVERYTHING'S READY.
REMEMBER HOW HE DROVE CLUB MANAGERS CRAZY WITH HIS RIDICU-LOUS DEMANDS?
HEH! WELL, WE'VE ALL GOTTEN MELLOWER WITH AGE.
6.18
I SAID NO BROWN M&MS BACKSTAGE!
Y'KNOW, DUDE, HER REALLY STARTIN' TO BUG ME.

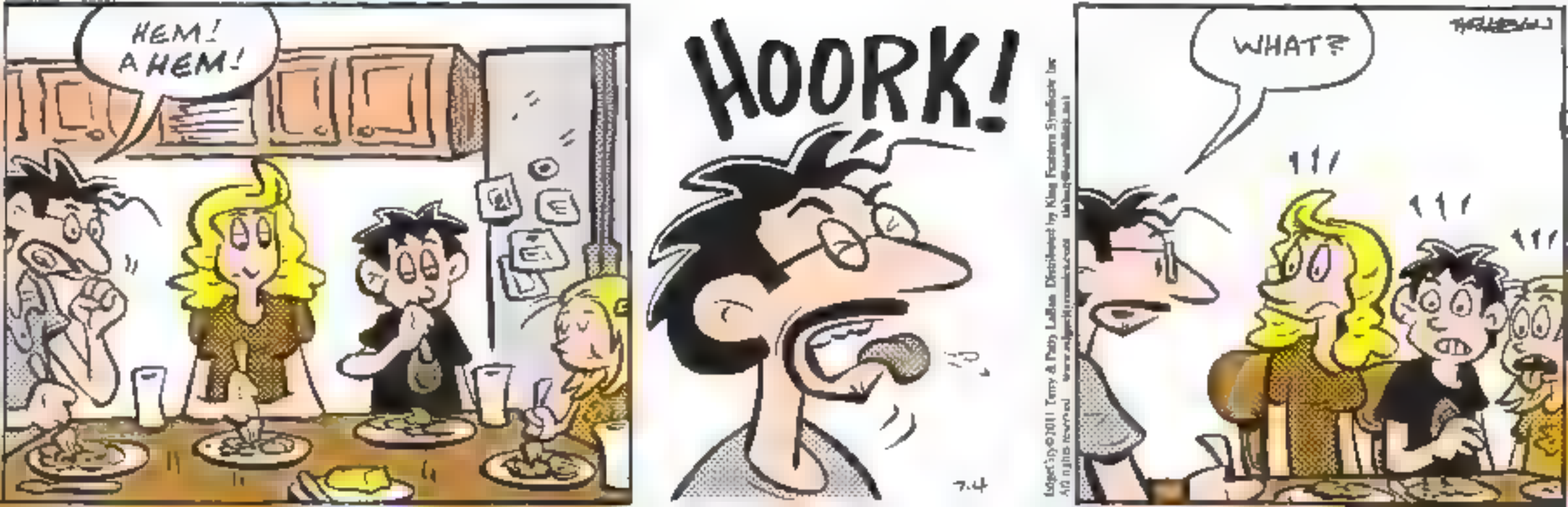

THANKS, EVERYONE, FOR COMING OUT TONIGHT-- THE FIRST TIME THE PINKEYES HAVE PLAYED IN 25 YEARS!
BUT I STILL FEEL THE SAME WAY I DID THEN! IT'S WHY I STARTED THIS BAND AND WROTE OUR SONGS...
6.29
YOU DIDN'T DO EITHER, EVAN!
...AND PUT UP WITH MY IDIOTIC BANDMATES.
SHUT UP AND PLAY!
THE LEBON

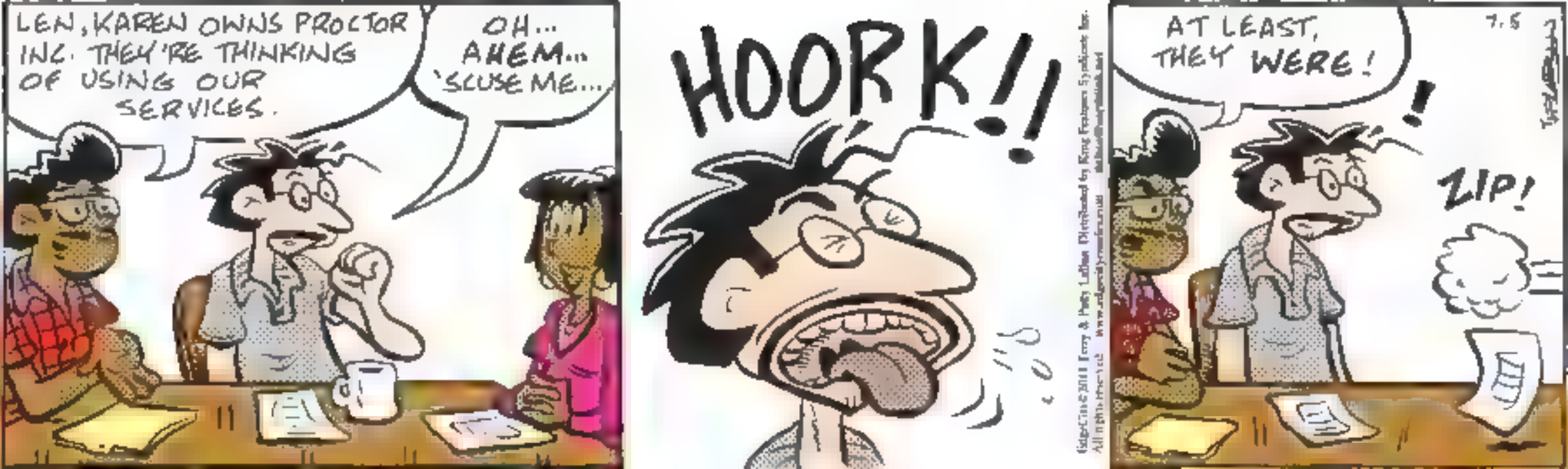

EVAN, WHY DON'T YOU PLAY A SONG INSTEAD OF TALKING ABOUT HOW GREAT YOU ARE?
THIS BAND WOULD NEVER HAVE EXISTED IF IT WASN'T FOR ME!
AND IT BROKE UP BECAUSE YOU WERE AN EGO-MANIAC!
NO-- BECAUSE YOU WERE LAZY AND UNPRO-FESSIONAL!
6-10
OW!
OOF!
SMACK!
DUDE, THEY ARE SO PUNK!

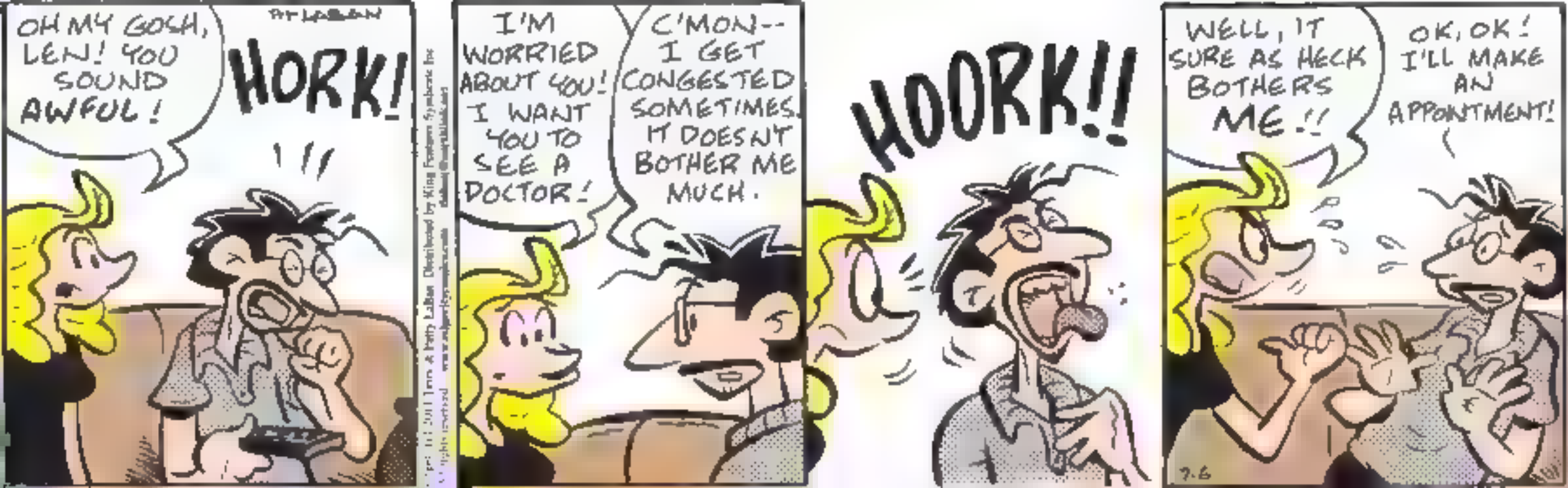

HI, LEN! HOW'D THE PINKEYES' REUNION CONCERT GO?
TERRIBLE.
EVAN AND I GOT IN A FIGHT ONSTAGE. WE DIDN'T EVEN PLAY ONE SONG!
OH BOY... I GUESS YOU CAN'T GO BACK TO THE WAY THINGS WERE BEFORE.
THAT WAS THE WAY THINGS WERE BEFORE!

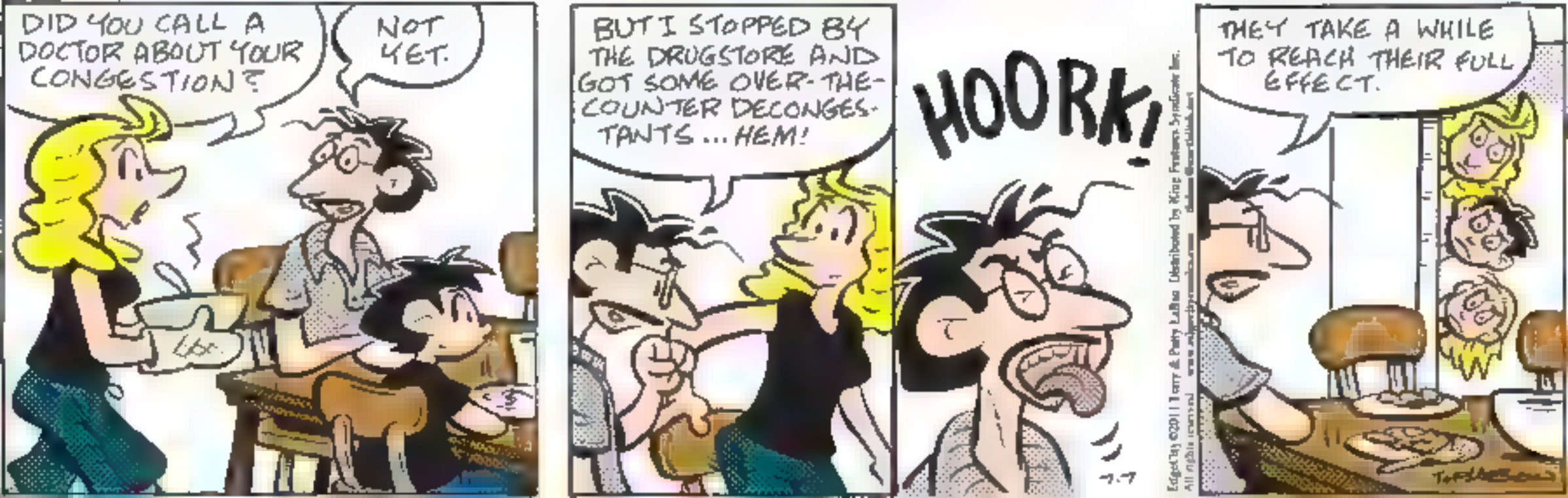

LOOK, ABBY-- EVAN'S PLAYING WITH A NEW BAND, AND HE'S CALLING IT "THE PINKEYES"!
CAN HE DO THAT?
ABSOLUTELY NOT! THAT NAME BELONGS TO ALL OF US!
7.2
YOU THINK HE KNOWS THAT?
OF COURSE HE DOES! LISTEN--
♫ GO AHEAD AND SUE ME, I DON'T CARE... ♫
IF I EVER FIND OUT THEY'RE MAKING MONEY, I'M CALLING A LAWYER!
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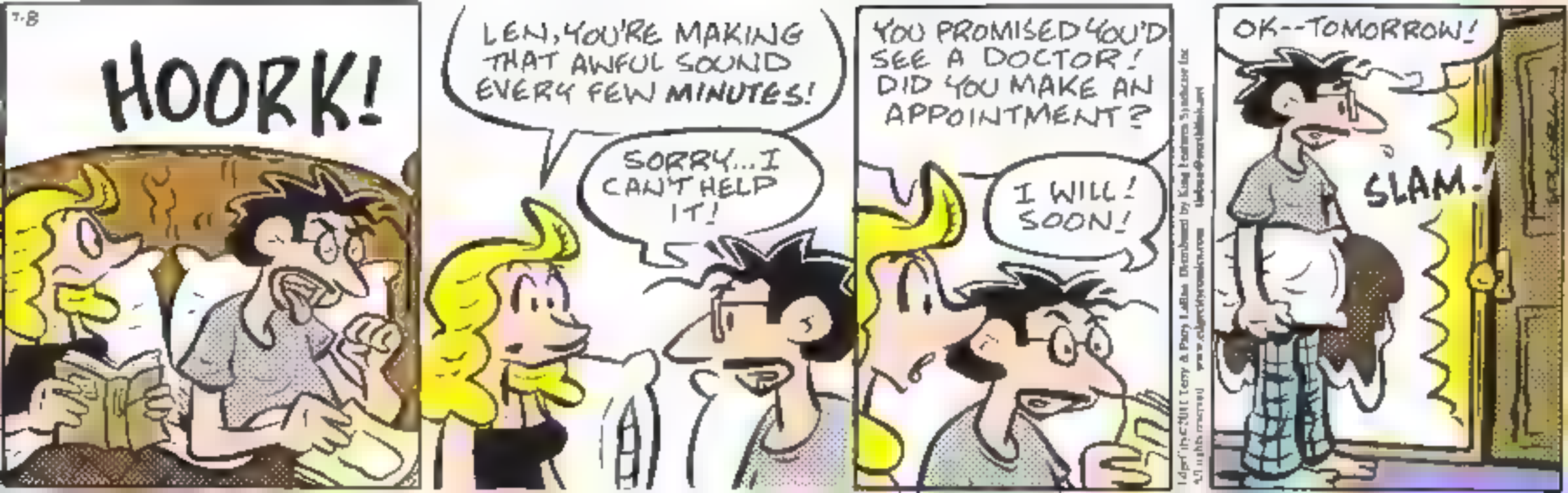

OOH!
AHH!
THAT'S IT? 4 FIREWORKS?!
THIS YEAR, THAT'S ALL THE CITY CAN AFFORD.

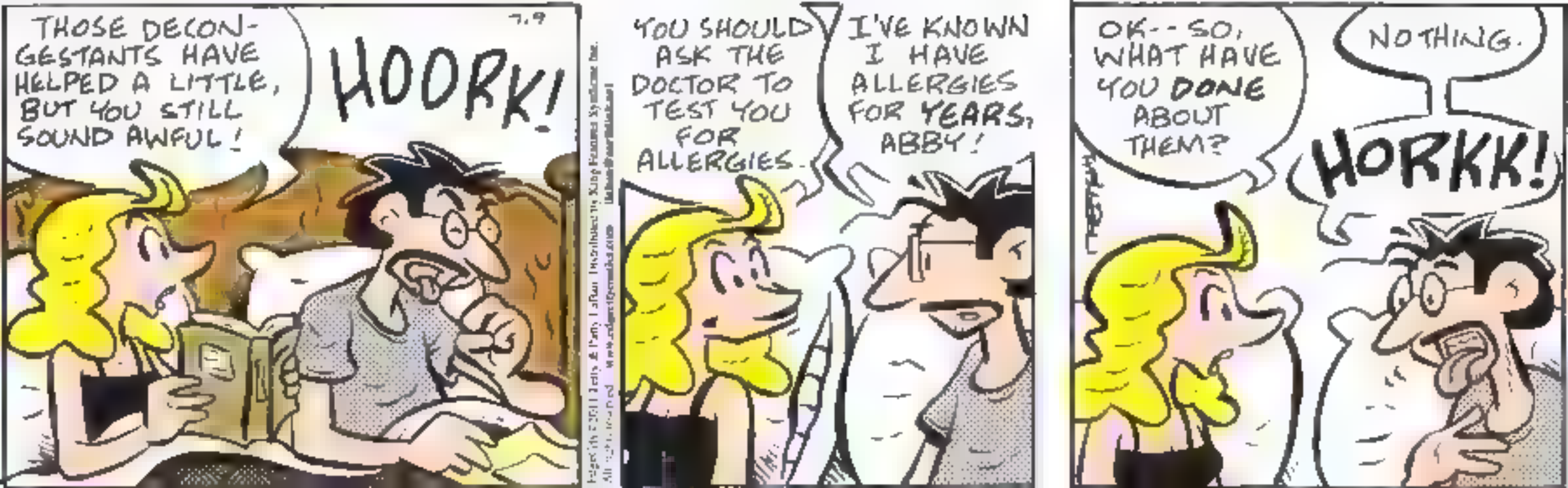

HEM!
AHEM!
HOORK!
7-4
WHAT?
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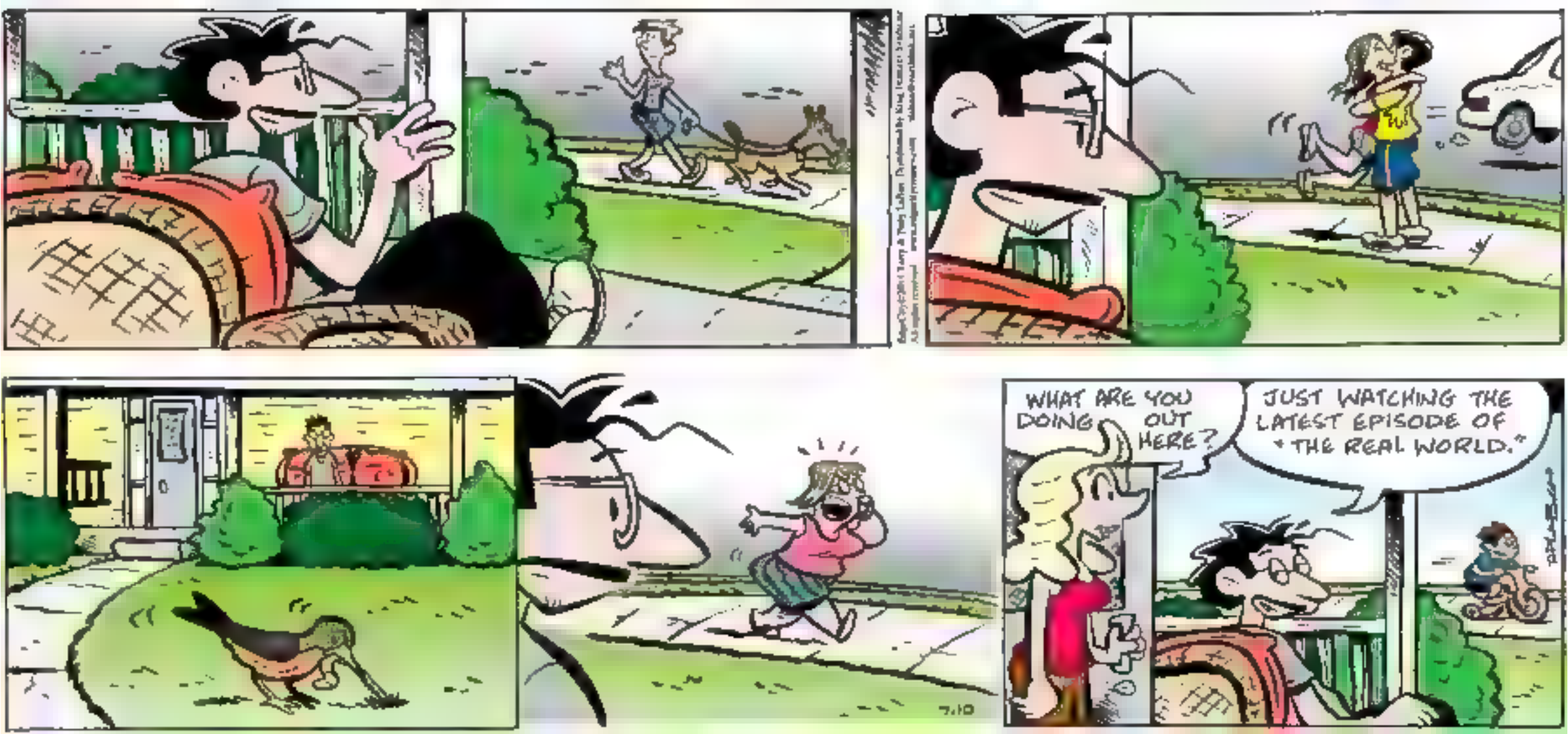

LEN, KAREN OWNS PROCTOR INC. THEY'RE THINKING OF USING OUR SERVICES.
OH... AHEM... 'SCUSE ME...
HOORK!!
AT LEAST, THEY WERE!
ZIP!
7.5

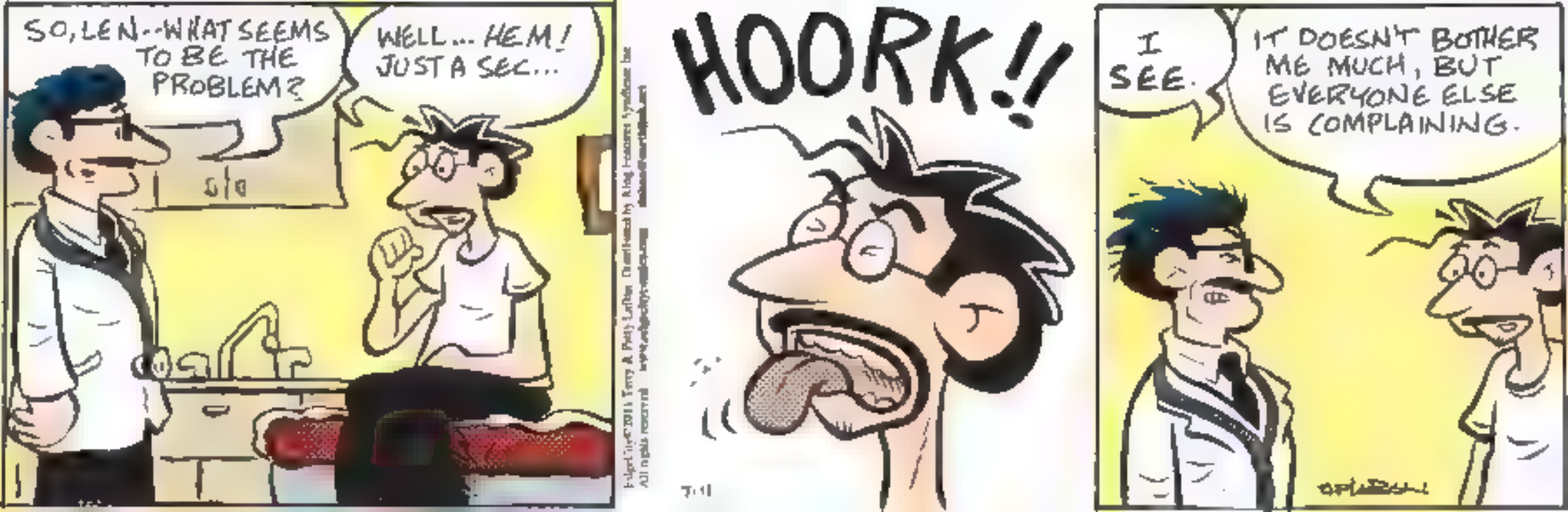

OH MY GOSH, LEN! YOU SOUND AWFUL!
HORK!
I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU! I WANT YOU TO SEE A DOCTOR!
C'MON-- I GET CONGESTED SOMETIMES. IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME MUCH.
HOORK!!
WELL, IT SURE AS HECK BOTHERS ME!!
OK, OK! I'LL MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!


DID YOU CALL A DOCTOR ABOUT YOUR CONGESTION?
NOT YET.
BUT I STOPPED BY THE DRUGSTORE AND GOT SOME OVER-THE-COUNTER DECONGESTANTS ... HEM!
HOORK!
THEY TAKE A WHILE TO REACH THEIR FULL EFFECT.

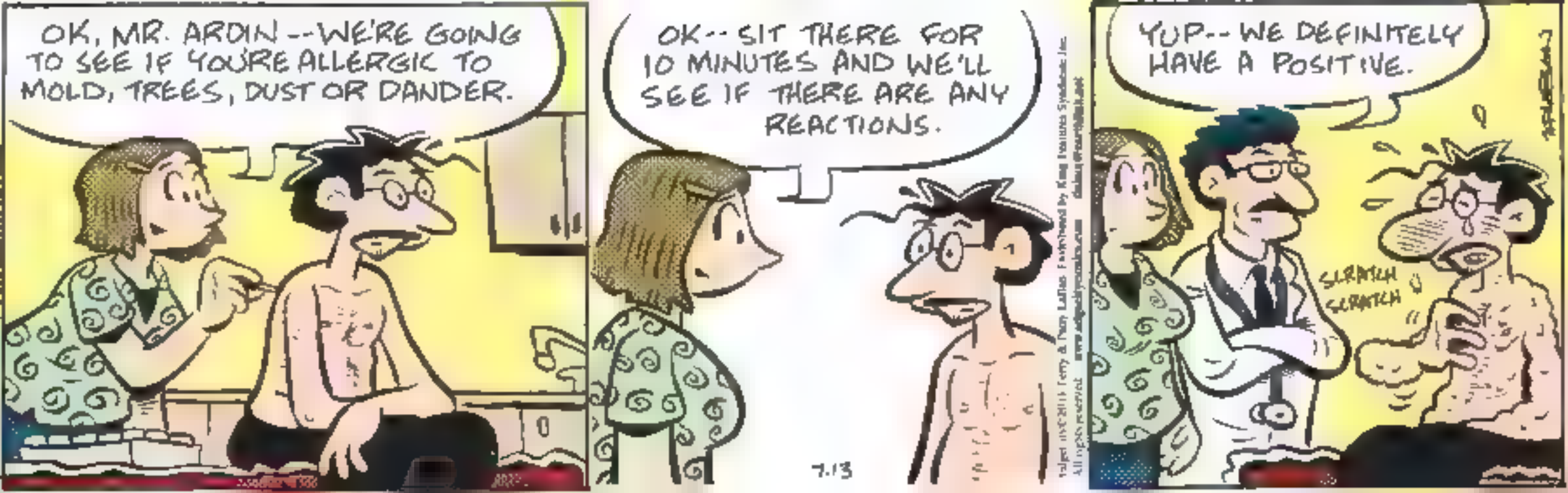

7-8
HOORK!
LEN, YOU'RE MAKING THAT AWFUL SOUND EVERY FEW MINUTES!
SORRY... I CAN'T HELP IT!
YOU PROMISED YOU'D SEE A DOCTOR! DID YOU MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?
I WILL! SOON!
OK--TOMORROW!
SLAM.


THOSE DECONGESTANTS HAVE HELPED A LITTLE, BUT YOU STILL SOUND AWFUL!
HOORK!
7.9
YOU SHOULD ASK THE DOCTOR TO TEST YOU FOR ALLERGIES.
I'VE KNOWN I HAVE ALLERGIES FOR YEARS, ABBY!
OK--SO, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE ABOUT THEM?
NOTHING.
HORKK!


WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?
JUST WATCHING THE LATEST EPISODE OF "THE REAL WORLD."


SO, LEN--WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM?
WELL... HEM! JUST A SEC...
HOORK!!
I SEE.
IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME MUCH, BUT EVERYONE ELSE IS COMPLAINING.

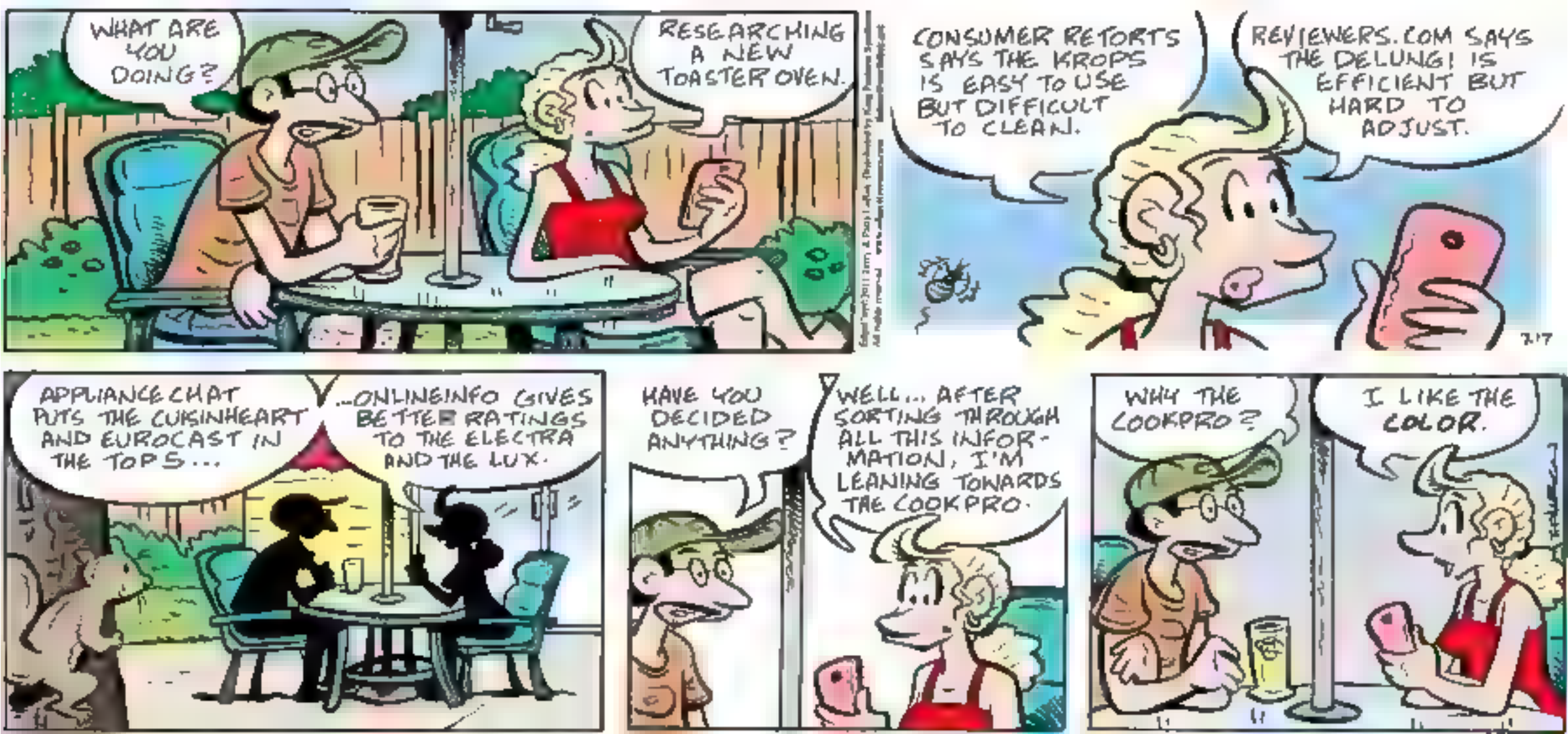

YOU'RE VERY CONGESTED, LEN. I SUSPECT IT'S ALLERGIES.
HORK!!
YOU SHOULD GET TESTED.
I'VE LIVED WITH THIS FOR YEARS! DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT'S NECESSARY?
IT'S NOT JUST ME... YOUR WIFE FAXED OVER PETITION.
!
7.12


OK, MR. ARDIN -- WE'RE GOING TO SEE IF YOU'RE ALLERGIC TO MOLD, TREES, DUST OR DANDER.
OK -- SIT THERE FOR 10 MINUTES AND WE'LL SEE IF THERE ARE ANY REACTIONS.
7-13
YUP -- WE DEFINITELY HAVE A POSITIVE.
SCRATCH SCRATCH

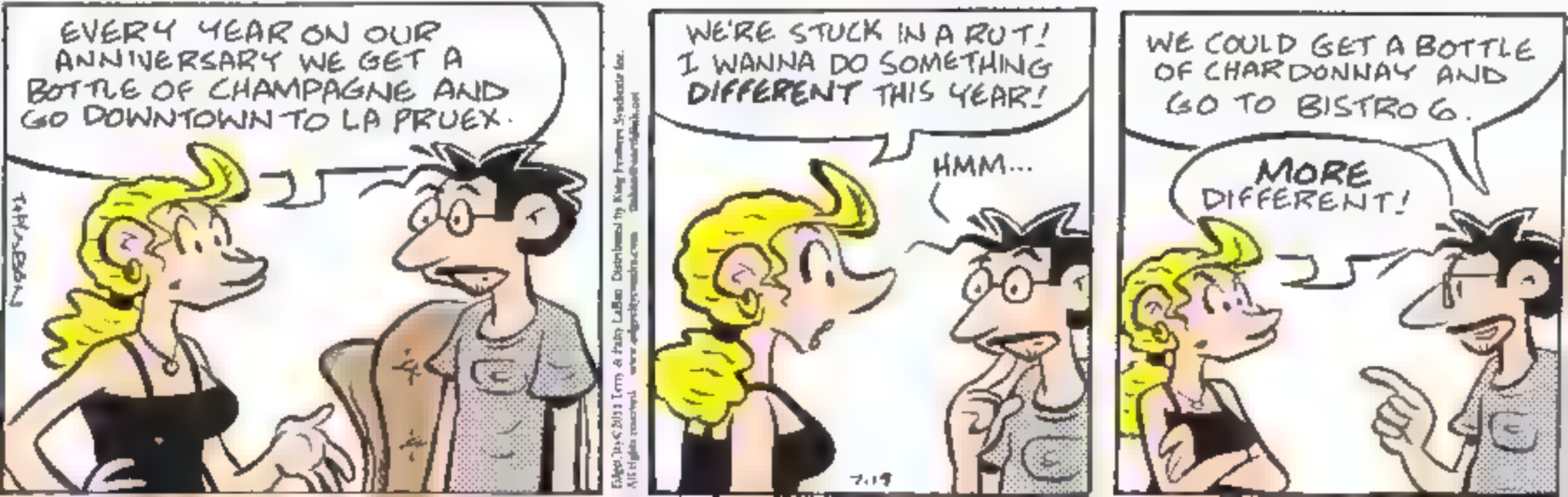

I'VE NOTICED YOU'VE BEEN A LOT LESS CONGESTED LATELY.
YEAH-- NOW THAT I'M TREATING MY ALLERGIES, I'M A LOT BETTER.
WHY DIDN'T I DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT A LONG TIME AGO?
7-14
YOU COULD SAY SOMETHING REALLY SNARKY RIGHT NOW.
OH, YEAH? LIKE WHAT?

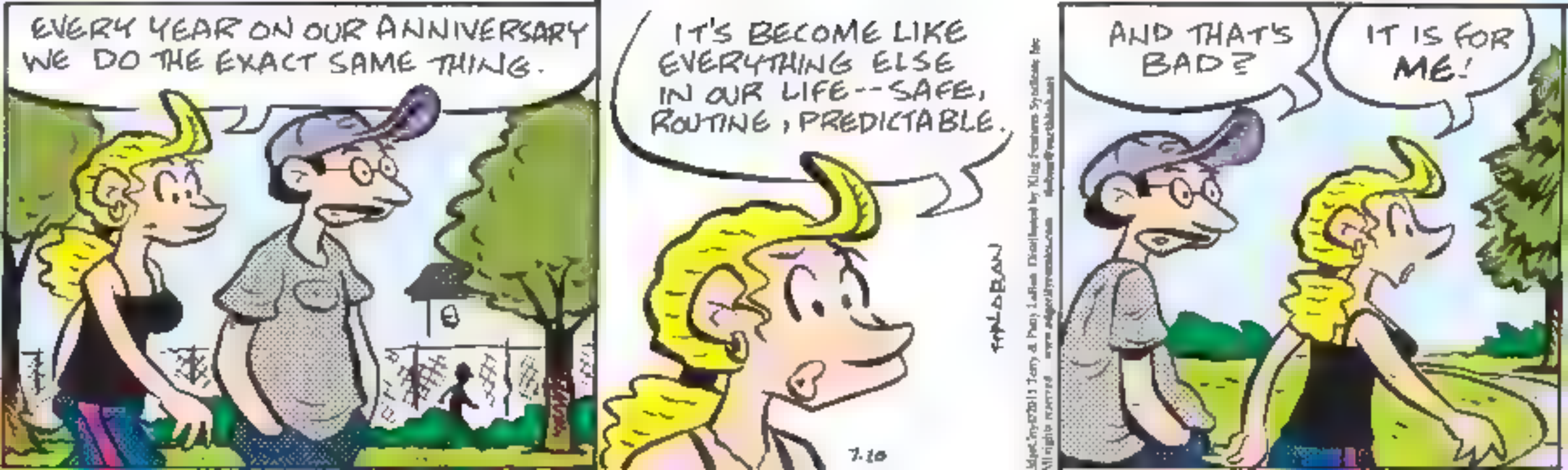

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE NOTICED, RAJIV, BUT I'VE STOPPED MAKING THAT AWFUL HORKING SOUND.
I'M BEING TREATED FOR ALLERGIES. IT'S REALLY HELPED.
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WEAR EARPLUGS AROUND ME ANYMORE.

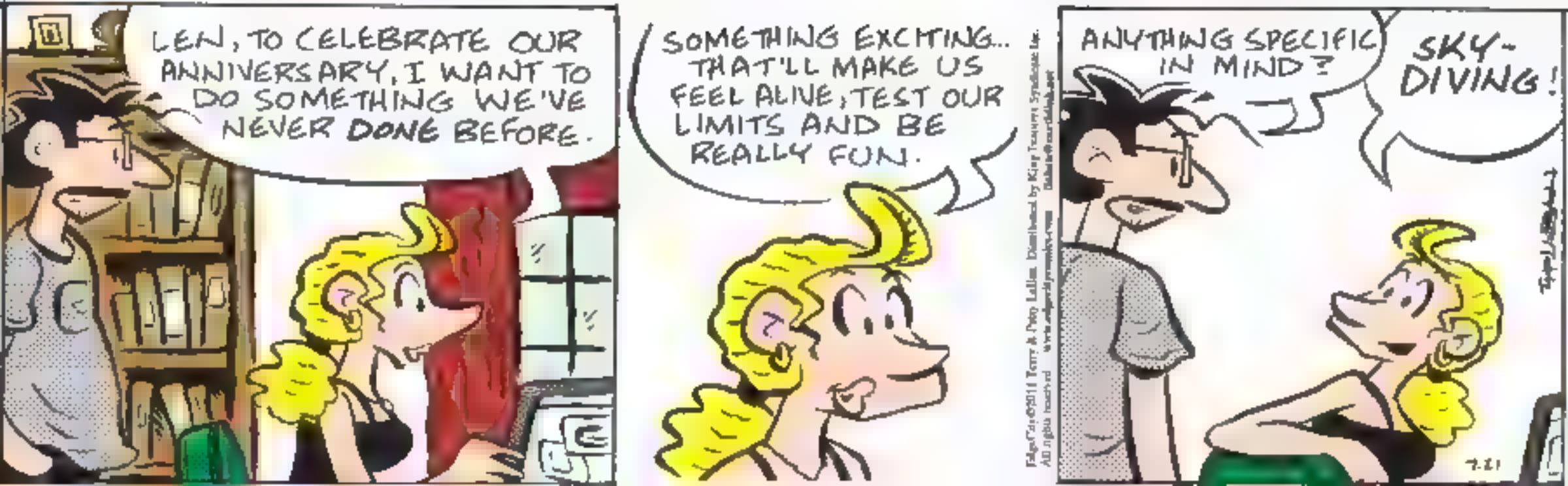

I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND THAT I GAVE YOU GRIEF ABOUT MAKING THAT HORKING SOUND, LEN.
NOT AT ALL, ABBY.
THAT'S WHAT A WIFE IS SUPPOSED TO DO -- TELL HER HUSBAND WHEN HE'S DOING SOMETHING DISGUSTING.
7.16
AHEM!
CLIP! CLIP!

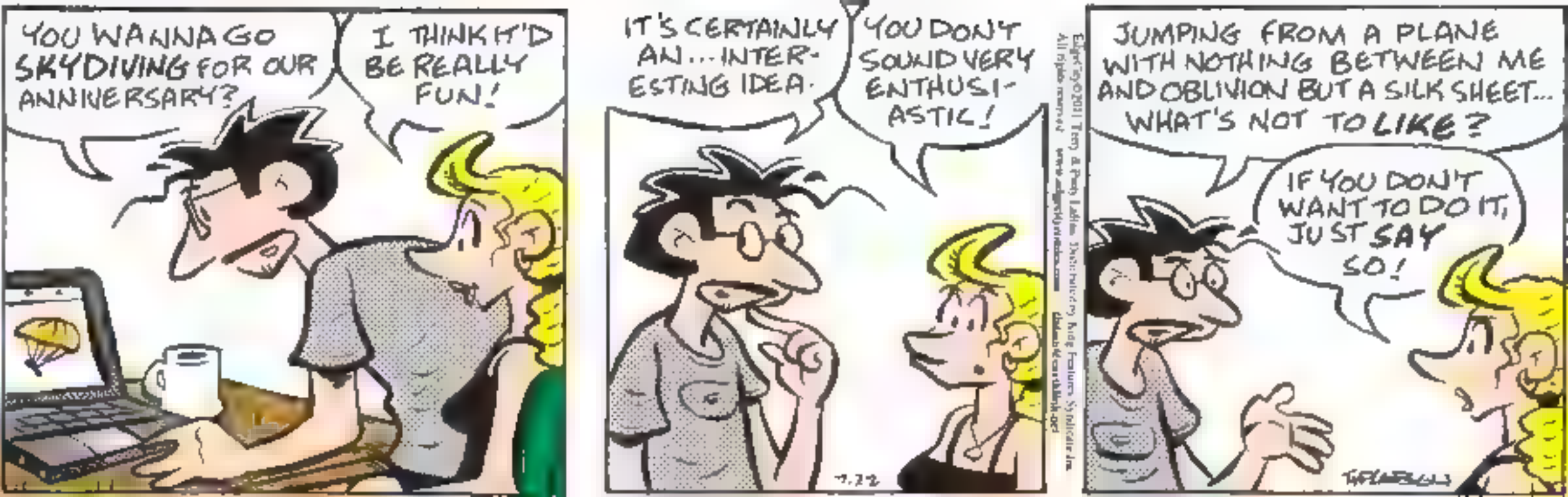

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
RESEARCHING A NEW TOASTER OVEN.
CONSUMER RETORTS SAYS THE KROPS IS EASY TO USE BUT DIFFICULT TO CLEAN.
REVIEWERS.COM SAYS THE DELUNG! IS EFFICIENT BUT HARD TO ADJUST.
7/7
APPLIANCE CHAT PUTS THE CUISINHEART AND EUROCAST IN THE TOPS...
...ONLINEINFO GIVES BETTER RATINGS TO THE ELECTRA AND THE LUX.
HAVE YOU DECIDED ANYTHING?
WELL... AFTER SORTING THROUGH ALL THIS INFORMATION, I'M LEANING TOWARDS THE COOKPRO.
WHY THE COOKPRO?
I LIKE THE COLOR.

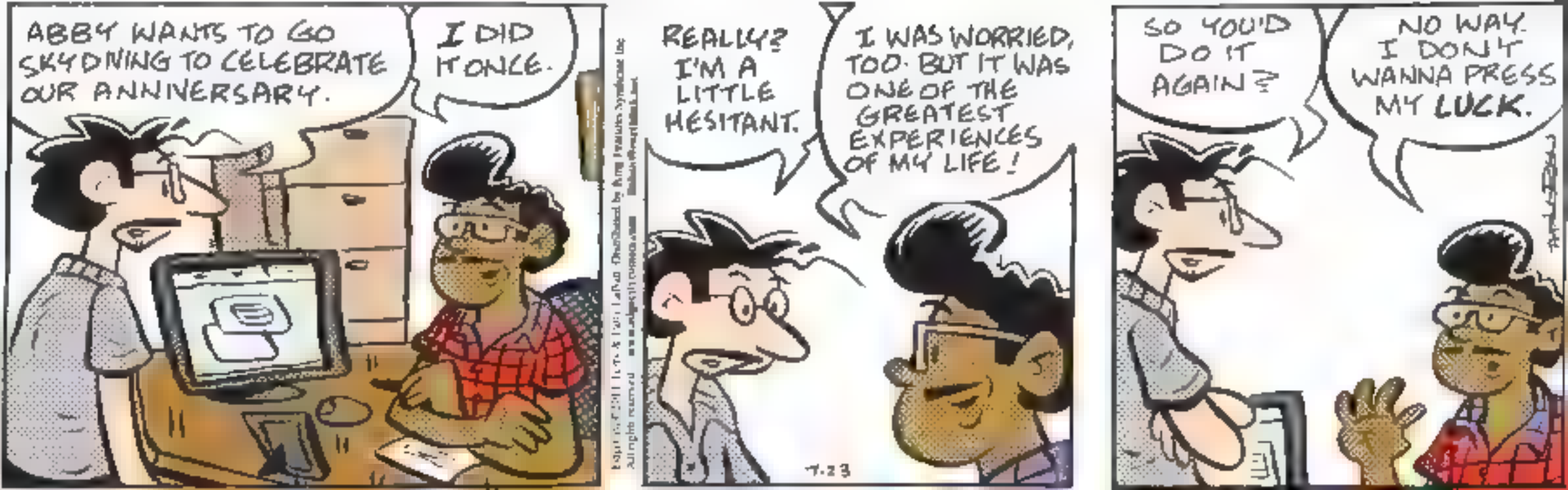

LEN, OUR ANNIVERSARY IS NEXT WEEK.
THAT'S RIGHT.
I'LL GET A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE AND MAKE RESERVATIONS AT LA PRUEX.
YOU SURE THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO?
THAT'S WHAT WE ALWAYS DO.

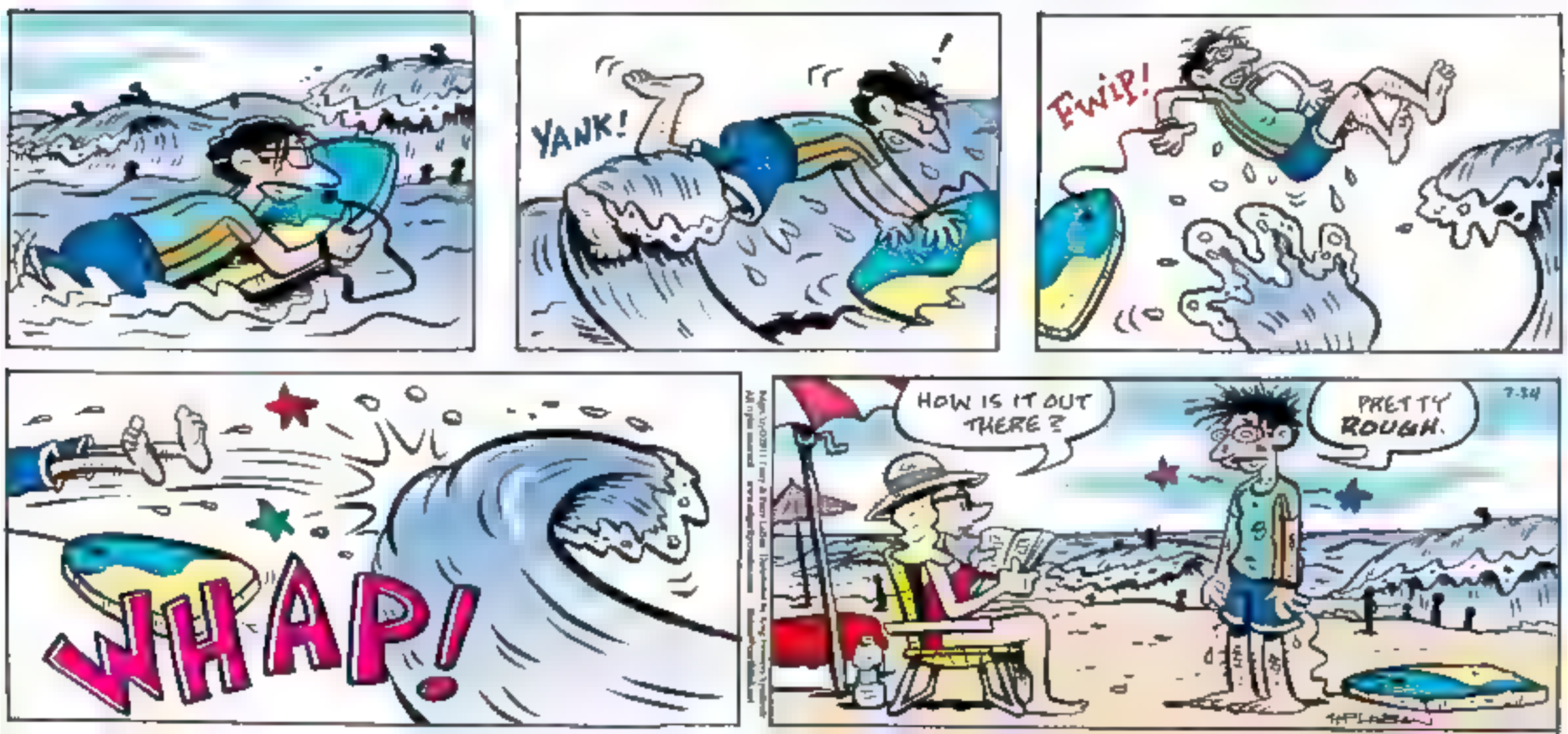

EVERY YEAR ON OUR ANNIVERSARY WE GET A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE AND GO DOWNTOWN TO LA PRUEX.
WE'RE STUCK IN A RUT! I WANNA DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS YEAR!
HMM...
WE COULD GET A BOTTLE OF CHARDONNAY AND GO TO BISTRO 6.
MORE DIFFERENT!


EVERY YEAR ON OUR ANNIVERSARY WE DO THE EXACT SAME THING.
IT'S BECOME LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE IN OUR LIFE--SAFE, ROUTINE, PREDICTABLE.
7.10
AND THAT'S BAD?
IT IS FOR ME!

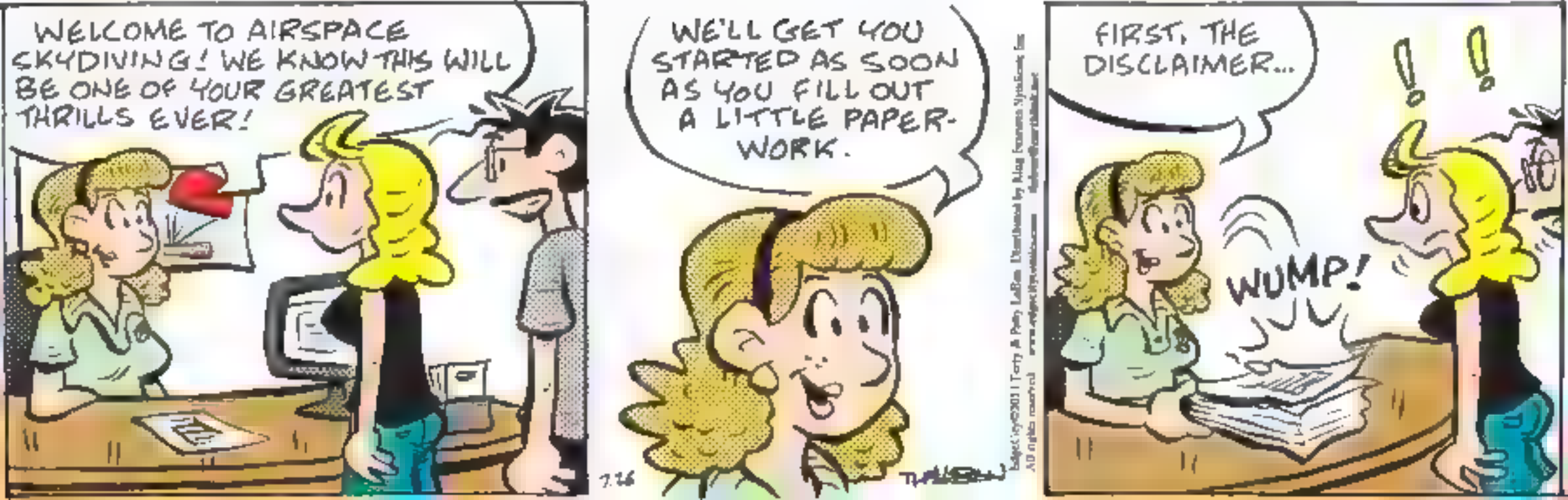

LEN, TO CELEBRATE OUR ANNIVERSARY, I WANT TO DO SOMETHING WE'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE.
SOMETHING EXCITING... THAT'LL MAKE US FEEL ALIVE; TEST OUR LIMITS AND BE REALLY FUN.
ANYTHING SPECIFIC IN MIND?
SKY-DIVING!
7-21


YOU WANNA GO SKYDIVING FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY?
I THINK IT'D BE REALLY FUN!
IT'S CERTAINLY AN... INTERESTING IDEA.
YOU DON'T SOUND VERY ENTHUSIASTIC!
JUMPING FROM A PLANE WITH NOTHING BETWEEN ME AND OBLIVION BUT A SILK SHEET... WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE?
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT, JUST SAY SO!

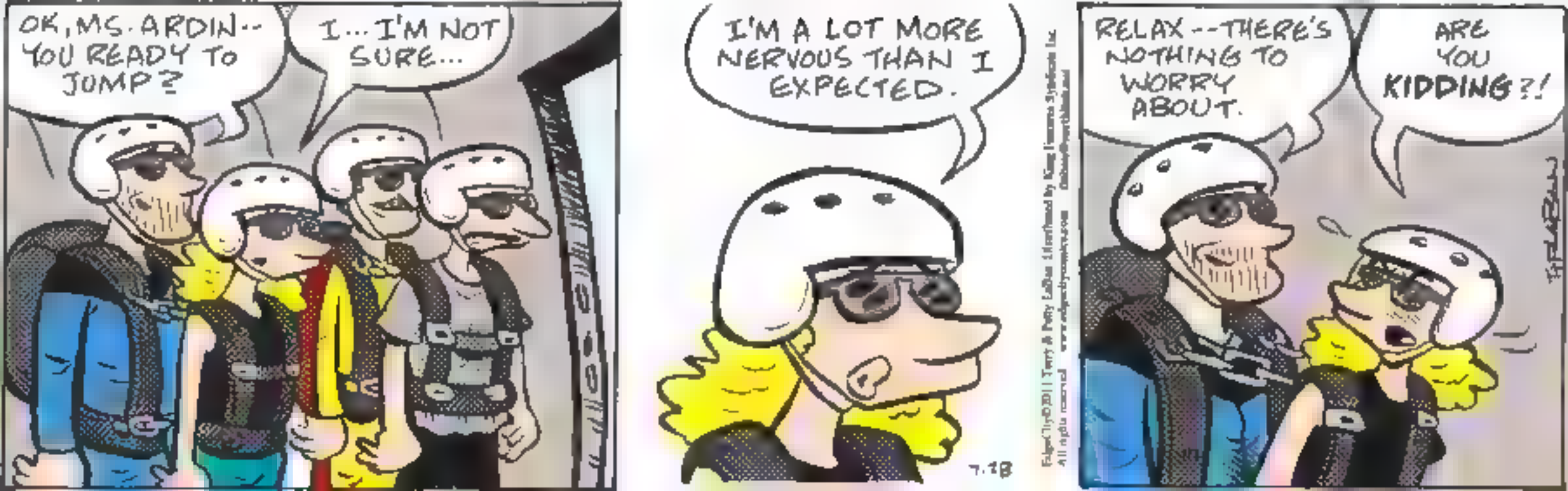

ABBY WANTS TO GO SKYDIVING TO CELEBRATE OUR ANNIVERSARY.
I DID IT ONCE.
REALLY? I'M A LITTLE HESITANT.
I WAS WORRIED, TOO. BUT IT WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST EXPERIENCES OF MY LIFE!
7-23
SO YOU'D DO IT AGAIN?
NO WAY. I DON'T WANNA PRESS MY LUCK.


YANK!
FWIP!
WHAP!
HOW IS IT OUT THERE?
PRETTY ROUGH.
7-14

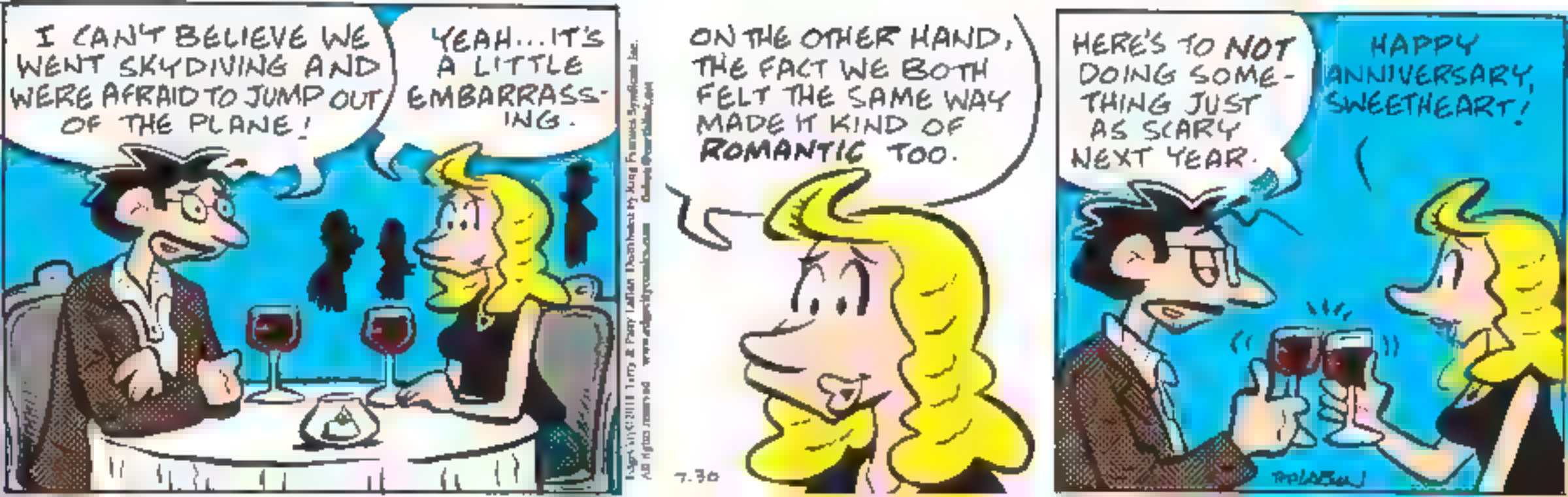

ABBY, IF YOU WANT TO GO SKYDIVING FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY, I'M GAME.
REALLY?
ABSOLUTELY--I'VE THOUGHT LONG AND HARD ABOUT IT AND I'M READY TO GO!
I EVEN UPDATED MY WILL.
THANKS, HONEY--YOU'RE A SPORT.
7-15

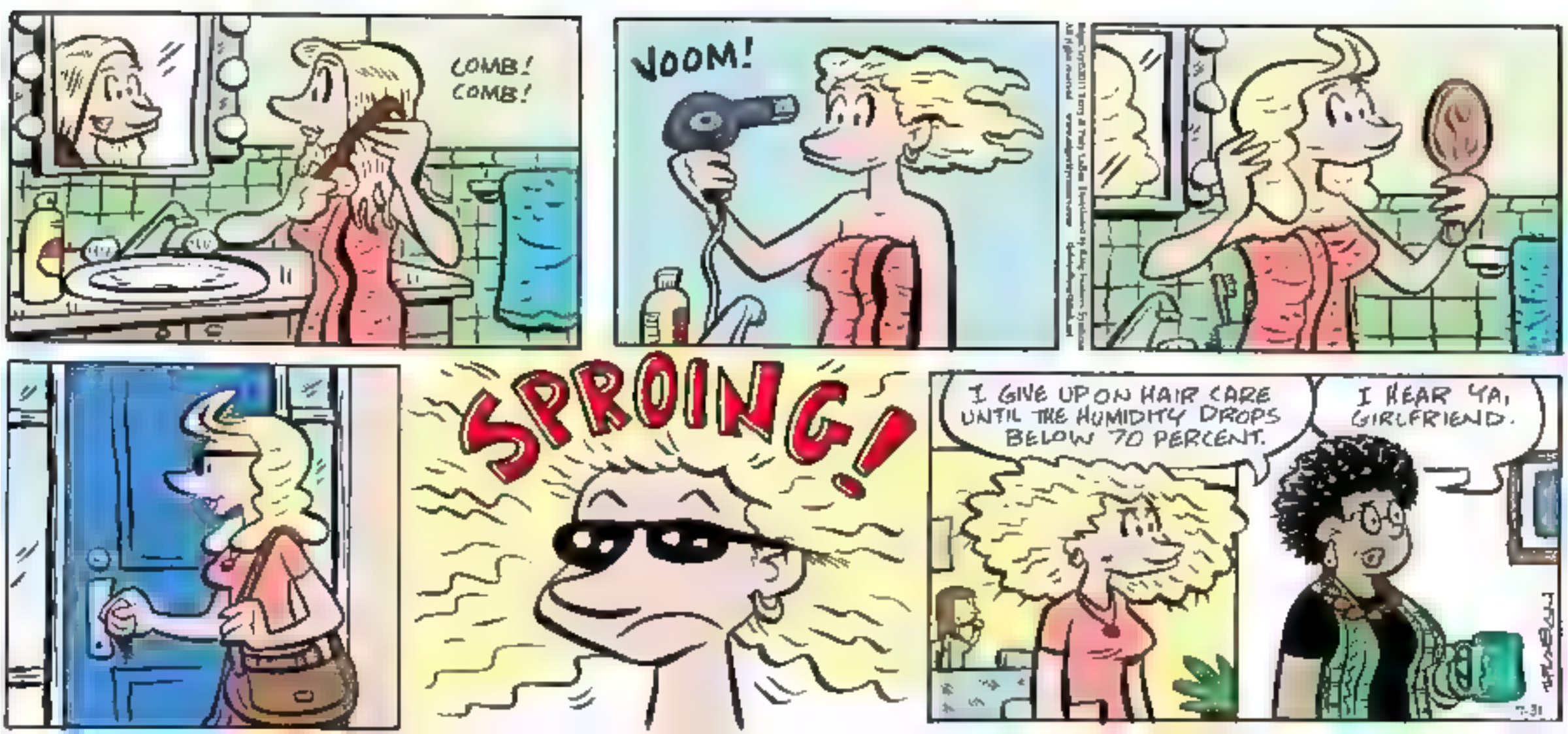

WELCOME TO AIRSPACE SKYDIVING! WE KNOW THIS WILL BE ONE OF YOUR GREATEST THRILLS EVER!
WE'LL GET YOU STARTED AS SOON AS YOU FILL OUT A LITTLE PAPER-WORK.
FIRST, THE DISCLAIMER...
WUMP!


WELCOME TO AIRSPACE SKY-DIVING! I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO REALLY ENJOY THIS EXPERIENCE.
SINCE THIS IS YOUR FIRST JUMP, YOU WON'T GO ALONE. YOU'LL BE SECURELY HARNESSED TO AN EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTOR.
THIS ISN'T EXACTLY HOW WE PICTURED IT...
I CALL THE TALL, DARK ONE!

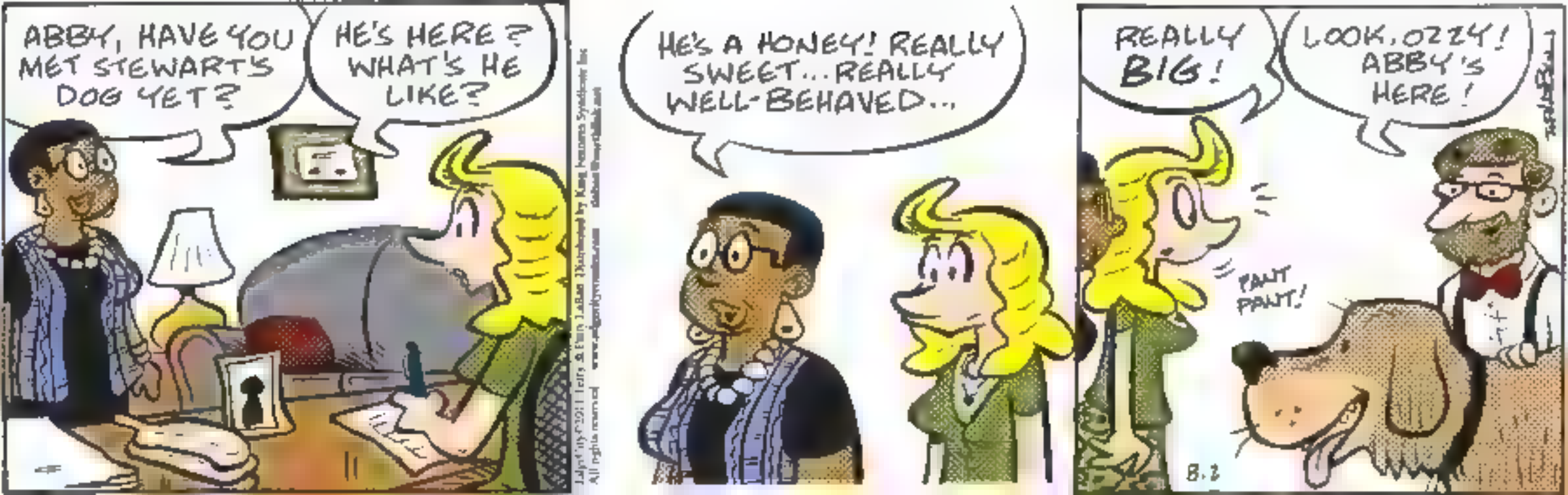

OK, MS. ARDIN-- YOU READY TO JUMP?
I... I'M NOT SURE...
I'M A LOT MORE NERVOUS THAN I EXPECTED.
7.18
RELAX--THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
ARE YOU KIDDING?!


OK, LEN AND ABBY-- ARE YOU READY?
I'M NOT SO SURE!
ME EITHER!
DON'T WORRY, YOU GUYS... WE'LL GO ON 3.
1...2...
UM... YOU GUYS?
7.29
MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO COME BACK...

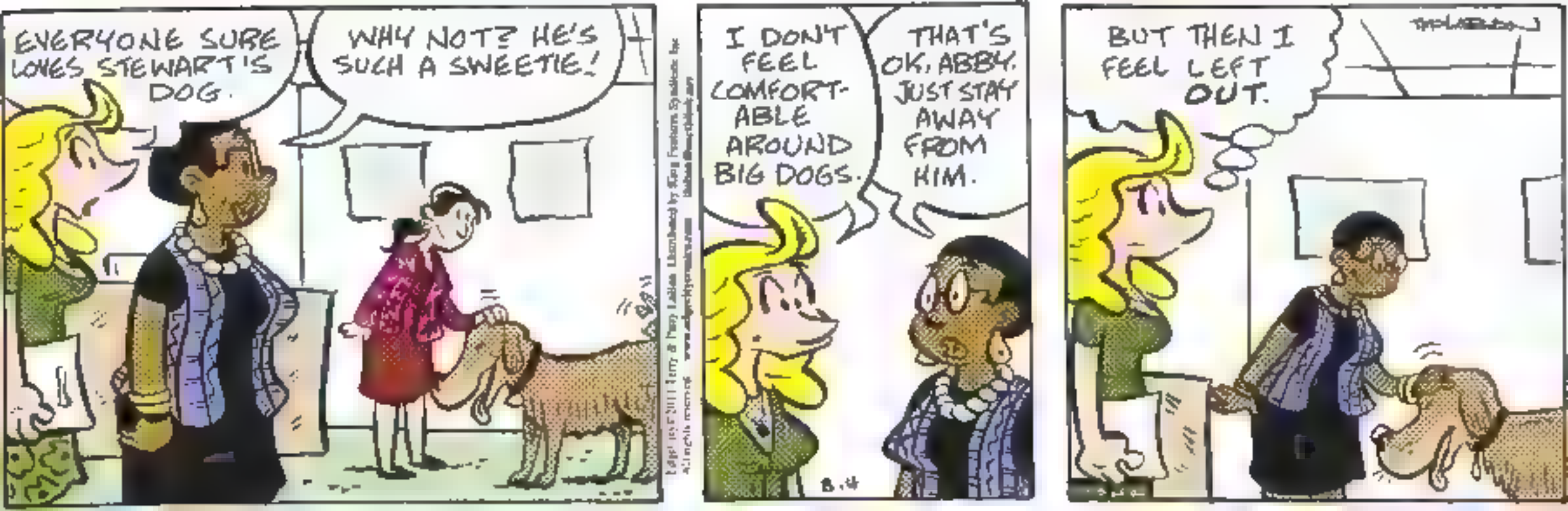

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE WENT SKYDIVING AND WERE AFRAID TO JUMP OUT OF THE PLANE!
YEAH... IT'S A LITTLE EMBARRASS-ING.
ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FACT WE BOTH FELT THE SAME WAY MADE IT KIND OF ROMANTIC TOO.
HERE'S TO NOT DOING SOME-THING JUST AS SCARY NEXT YEAR.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, SWEETHEART!

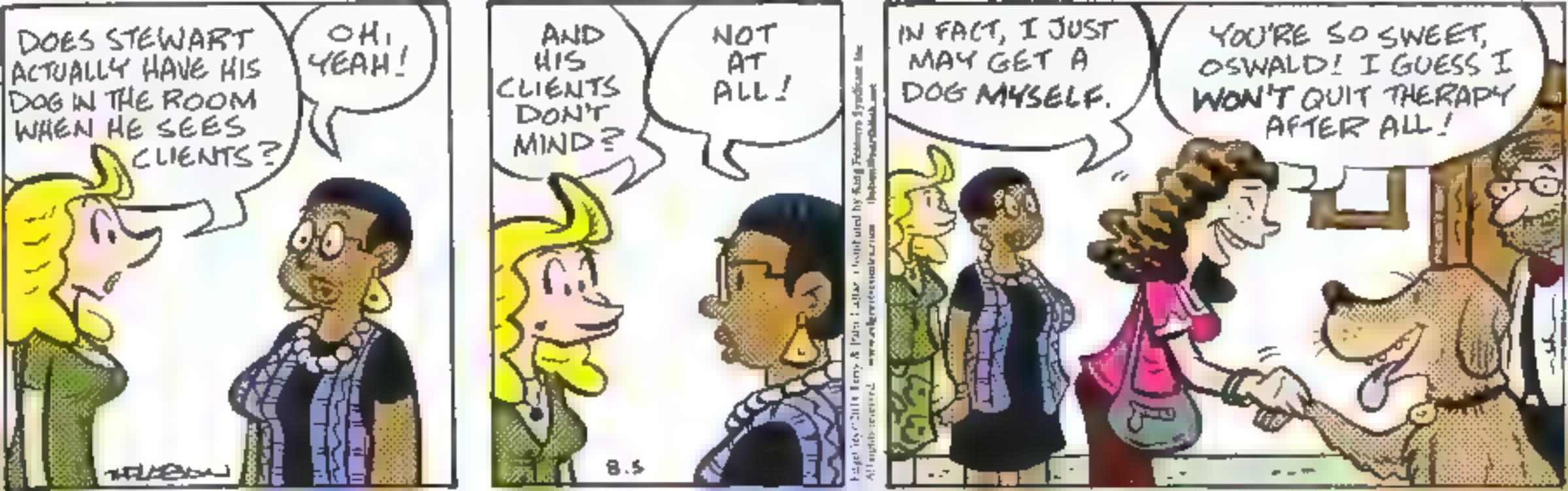

COMB! COMB!
VOOM!
SPROING!
I GIVE UP ON HAIR CARE UNTIL THE HUMIDITY DROPS BELOW 70 PERCENT.
I HEAR YA, GIRLFRIEND.

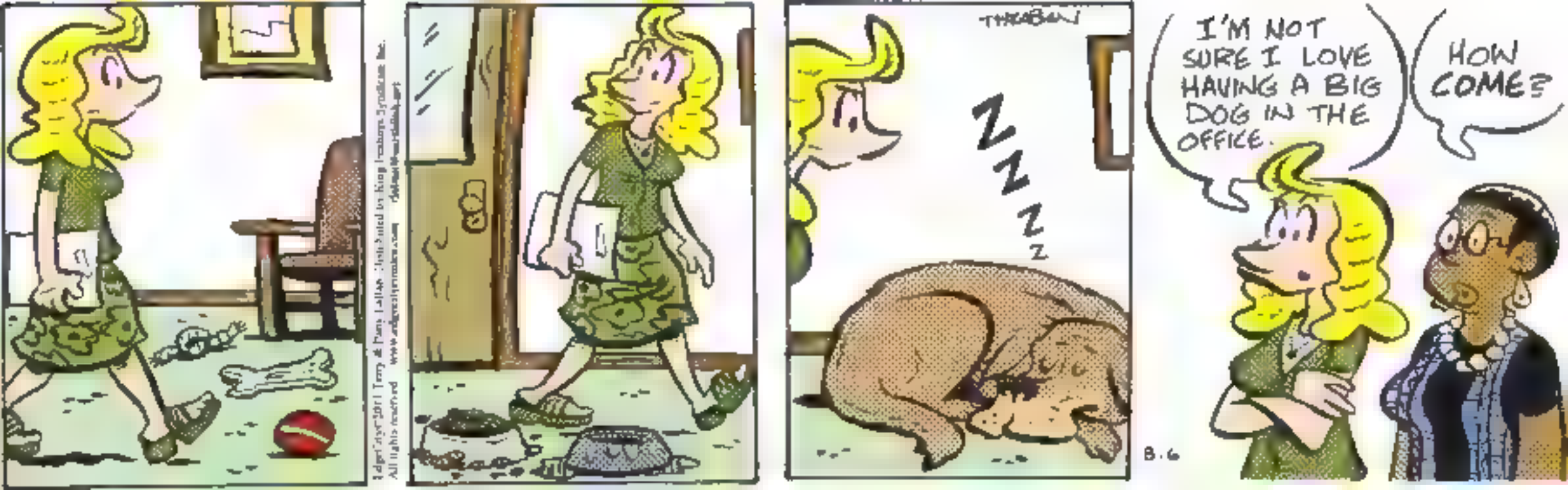

ABBY, WOULD YOU MIND IF I STARTED BRINGING MY DOG TO WORK?
YOUR DOG?
HE GETS LONELY DURING THE DAY. HE'D BE A LOT HAPPIER HERE.
8-1
JANICE AND BEATRIZ ARE BOTH FINE WITH IT.
I DON'T KNOW, STEWART.
I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS AROUND DOGS.
THIS ISN'T ANY DOG--IT'S OSWALD!

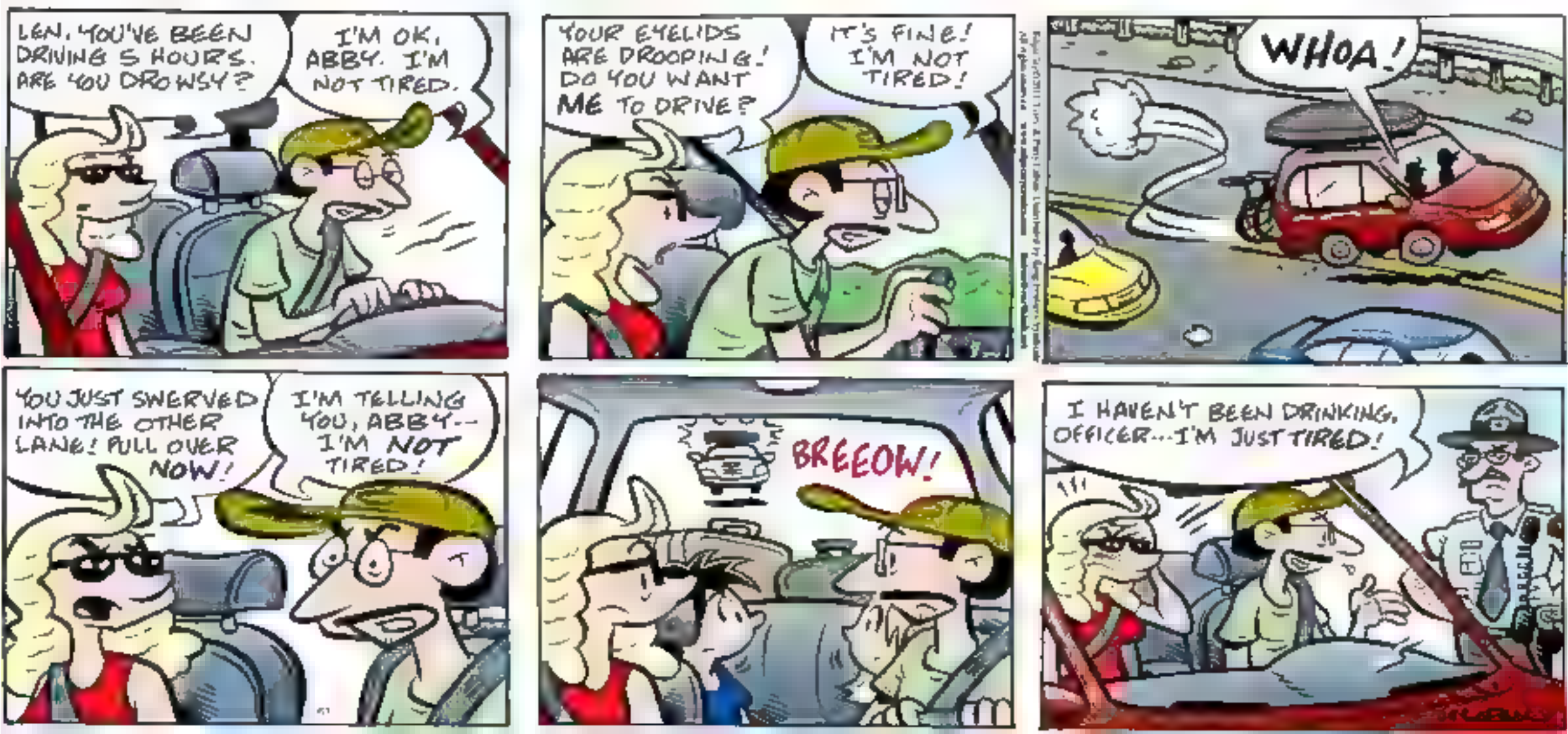

ABBY, HAVE YOU MET STEWART'S DOG YET?
HE'S HERE? WHAT'S HE LIKE?
HE'S A HONEY! REALLY SWEET... REALLY WELL-BEHAVED...
REALLY BIG!
LOOK, OZZY! ABBY'S HERE!
PANT PANT!
B.2

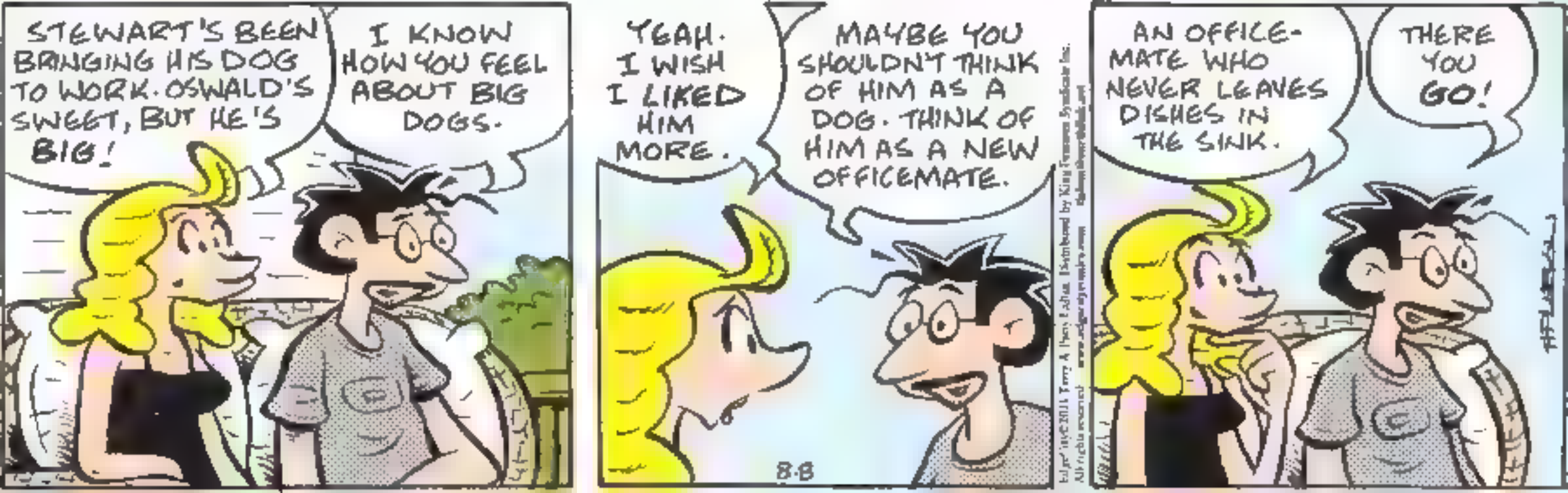

STEWART, I HAD NO IDEA YOUR DOG WAS SO BIG!
HE'S BIG, BUT GENTLE.
GO AHEAD AND PET HIM--HE'S VERY FRIENDLY.
H-HI, OSWALD!
8.3
PLOP!
GET... HIM... OFF... ME!
HEH! THE BIG GOOF!

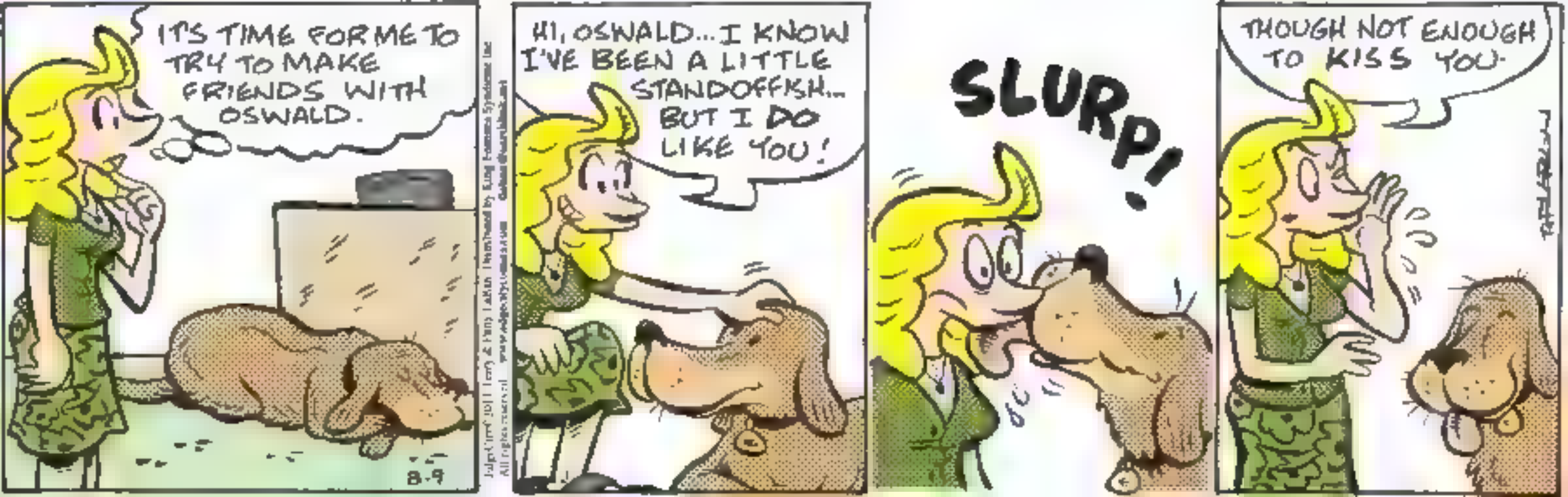

EVERYONE SURE LOVES STEWART'S DOG.
WHY NOT? HE'S SUCH A SWEETIE!
I DON'T FEEL COMFORT-ABLE AROUND BIG DOGS.
THAT'S OK, ABBY. JUST STAY AWAY FROM HIM.
BUT THEN I FEEL LEFT OUT.

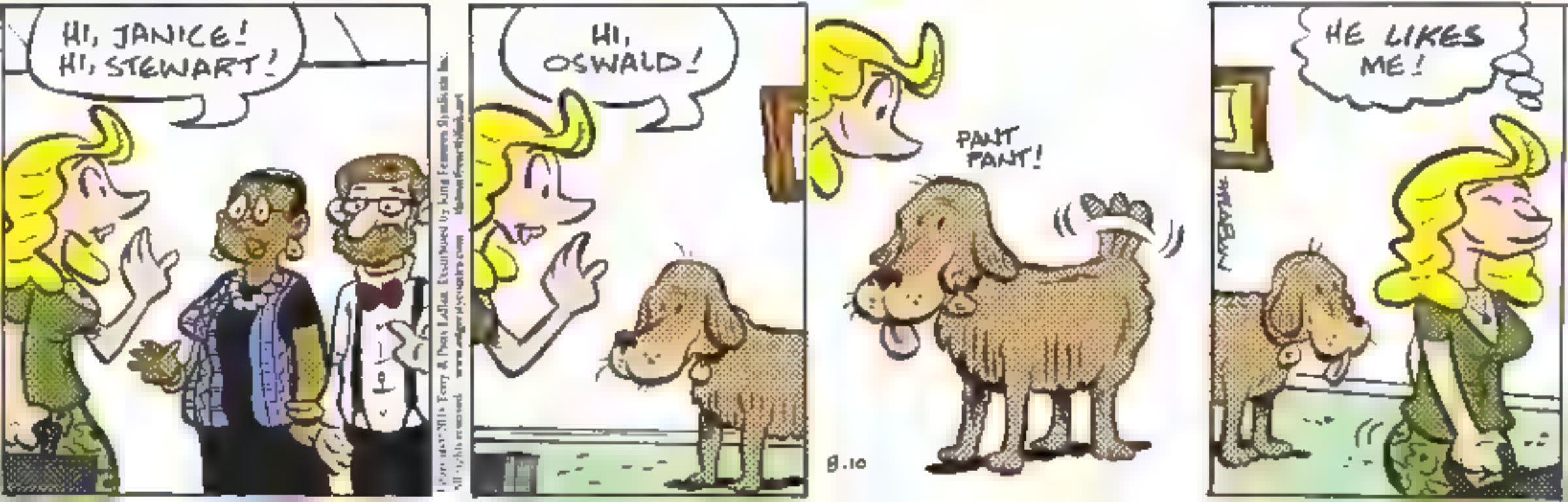

DOES STEWART ACTUALLY HAVE HIS DOG IN THE ROOM WHEN HE SEES CLIENTS?
OH, YEAH!
AND HIS CLIENTS DON'T MIND?
NOT AT ALL!
8.5
IN FACT, I JUST MAY GET A DOG MYSELF.
YOU'RE SO SWEET, OSWALD! I GUESS I WON'T QUIT THERAPY AFTER ALL!

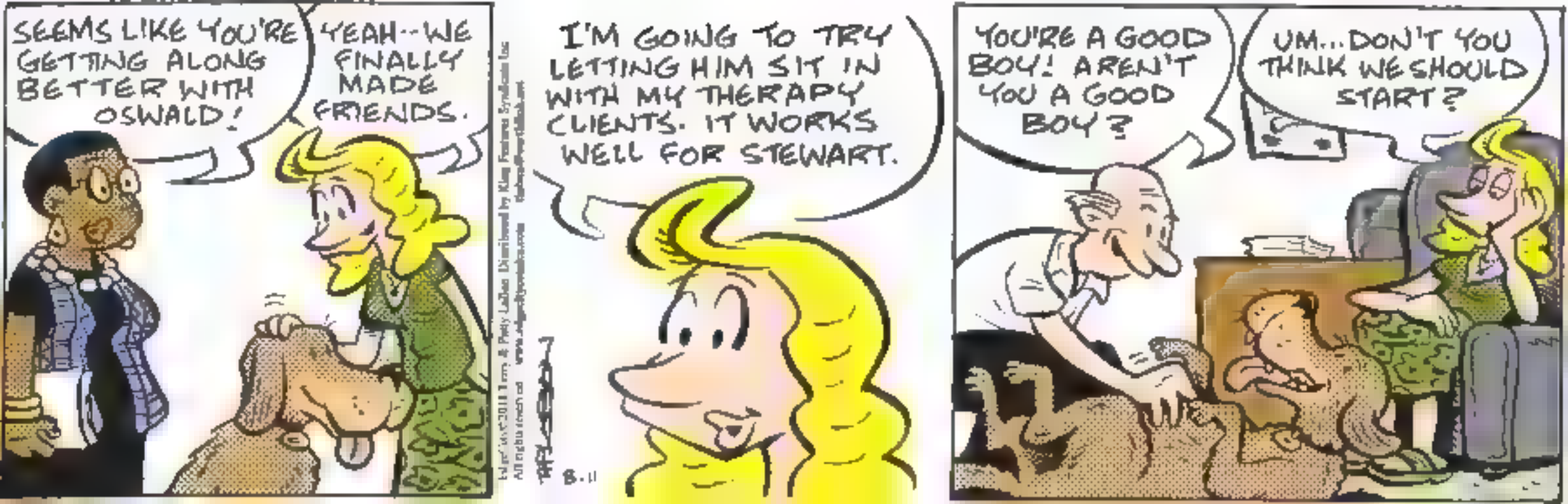

THAABAW!
ZZZZZ
I'M NOT SURE I LOVE HAVING A BIG DOG IN THE OFFICE.
HOW COME?
B.C.


LEN, YOU'VE BEEN DRIVING 5 HOURS. ARE YOU DROWSY?
I'M OK, ABBY. I'M NOT TIRED.
YOUR EYELIDS ARE DROOPING! DO YOU WANT ME TO DRIVE?
IT'S FINE! I'M NOT TIRED!
WHOA!
YOU JUST SWERVED INTO THE OTHER LANE! PULL OVER NOW!
I'M TELLING YOU, ABBY-- I'M NOT TIRED!
BREEOW!
I HAVEN'T BEEN DRINKING, OFFICER--I'M JUST TIRED!

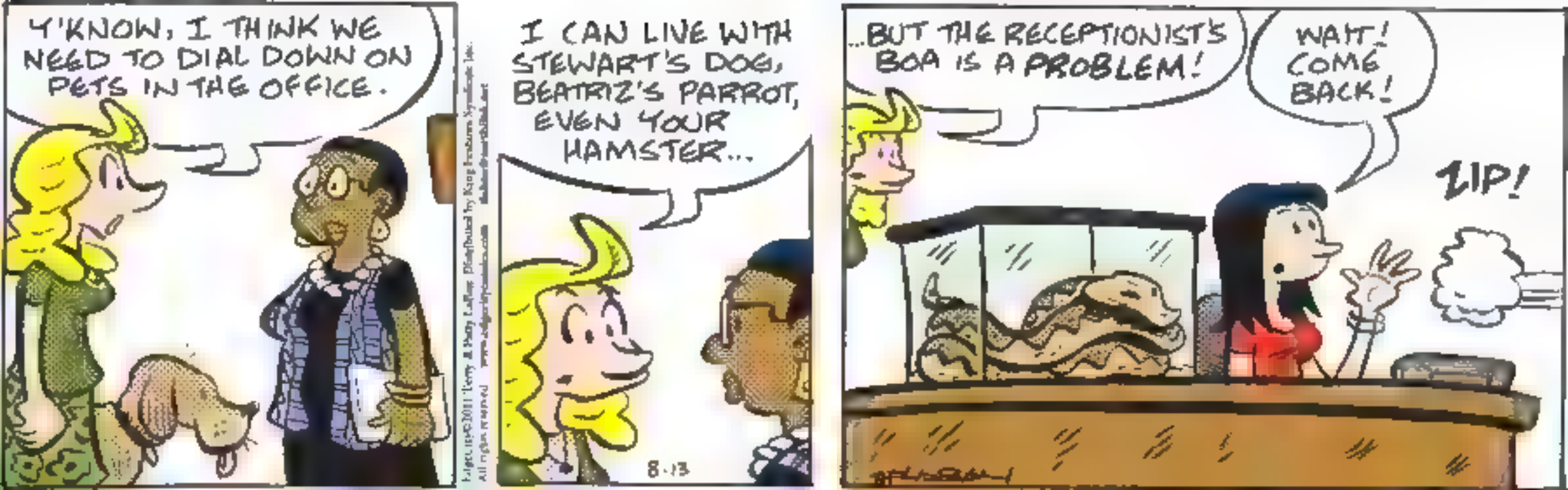

STEWART'S BEEN BRINGING HIS DOG TO WORK. OSWALD'S SWEET, BUT HE'S BIG!
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT BIG DOGS.
YEAH. I WISH I LIKED HIM MORE.
MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T THINK OF HIM AS A DOG. THINK OF HIM AS A NEW OFFICEMATE.
8-8
AN OFFICE-MATE WHO NEVER LEAVES DISHES IN THE SINK.
THERE YOU GO!

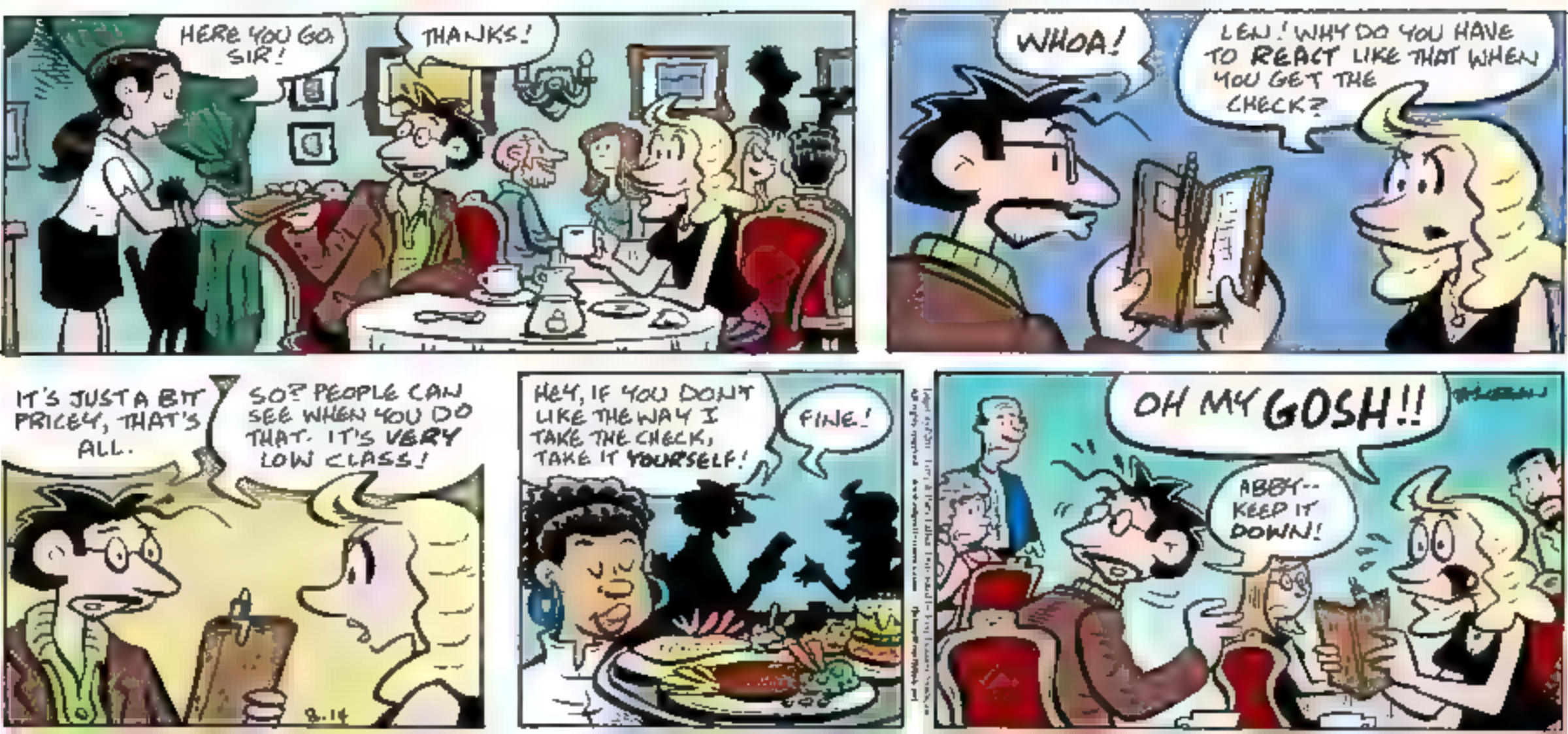

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TRY TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH OSWALD.
8-9
HI, OSWALD... I KNOW I'VE BEEN A LITTLE STANDOFFISH... BUT I DO LIKE YOU!
SLURP!
THOUGH NOT ENOUGH TO KISS YOU.


HI, JANICE!
HI, STEWART!
HI, OSWALD!
PANT PANT!
8.10
HE LIKES ME!


SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE GETTING ALONG BETTER WITH OSWALD!
YEAH--WE FINALLY MADE FRIENDS.
I'M GOING TO TRY LETTING HIM SIT IN WITH MY THERAPY CLIENTS. IT WORKS WELL FOR STEWART.
YOU'RE A GOOD BOY! AREN'T YOU A GOOD BOY?
UM...DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD START?


WHAT'S THAT, BEATRIZ?
STEWART'S DOG HAS BEEN SUCH A HIT, I DECIDED TO BRING IN MY PET.
8-12
A PARROT?
HIS NAME'S SPUNKY! I THINK HE'LL BE A GREAT ADDITION TO THE OFFICE!
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☆◎#!
OOPS! WHERE'D HE LEARN THAT?


Y'KNOW, I THINK WE NEED TO DIAL DOWN ON PETS IN THE OFFICE.
I CAN LIVE WITH STEWART'S DOG, BEATRIZ'S PARROT, EVEN YOUR HAMSTER...
8-13
...BUT THE RECEPTIONIST'S BOA IS A PROBLEM!
WAIT! COME BACK!
ZIP!

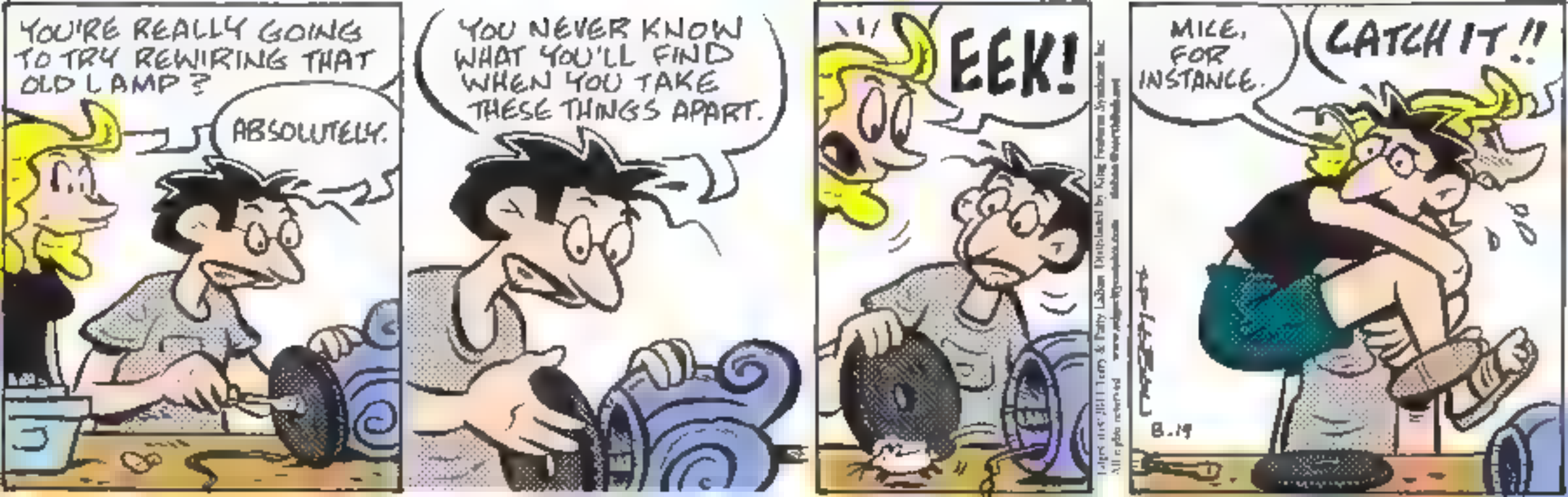

HERE YOU GO, SIR!
THANKS!
WHOA!
LEN! WHY DO YOU HAVE TO REACT LIKE THAT WHEN YOU GET THE CHECK?
IT'S JUST A BIT PRICEY, THAT'S ALL.
SO? PEOPLE CAN SEE WHEN YOU DO THAT. IT'S VERY LOW CLASS!
8.14
HEY, IF YOU DONT LIKE THE WAY I TAKE THE CHECK, TAKE IT YOURSELF!
FINE!
OH MY GOSH!!
ABBY-- KEEP IT DOWN!


OOH! GARAGE SALE ON OAKSIDE!
GARAGE SALE BIIS OAKSIDE
I'D BETTER NOT STOP-- I'M ALREADY LATE FOR CARLY'S SWIM MEET, AND I DON'T NEED MORE JUNK.
8.15
LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE GOT SOME NIKE STUFF!

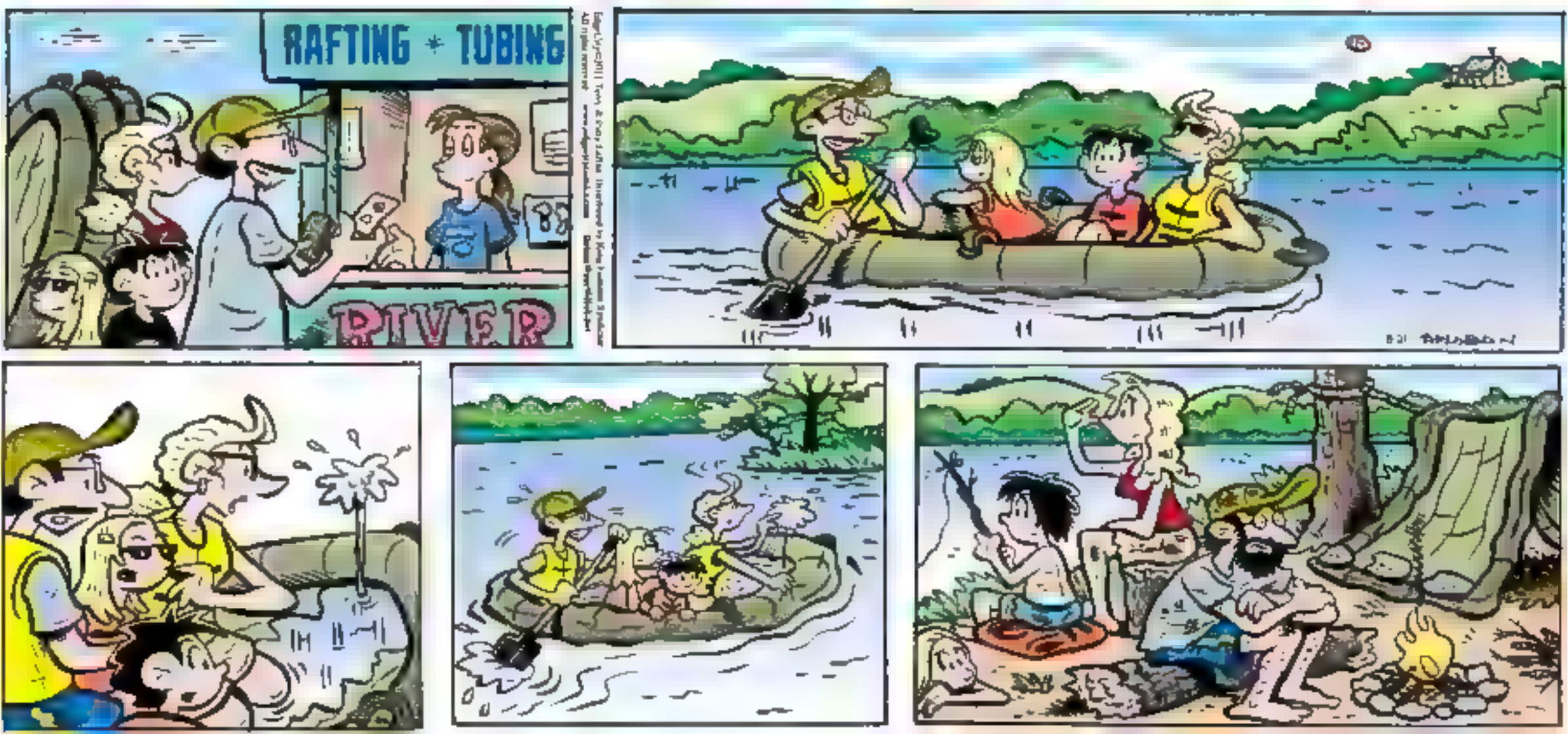

THAT OLD LAMP IS PRETTY COOL.
YEAH--IT USED TO BE MY MOM'S.
WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR IT?
$10.
$10? REALLY?!
8-16
I MEAN... WOULD YOU TAKE $5?
NOOO...


THIS WILD '50S LAMP FOR $10! WHAT A SCORE!
THOSE THINGS CAN BE WORTH $200, EASY! I CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW ABBY!
ABBY, LOOK WHAT I FOUND AT A GARAGE SALE!
YOU BOUGHT THAT?!
8-17

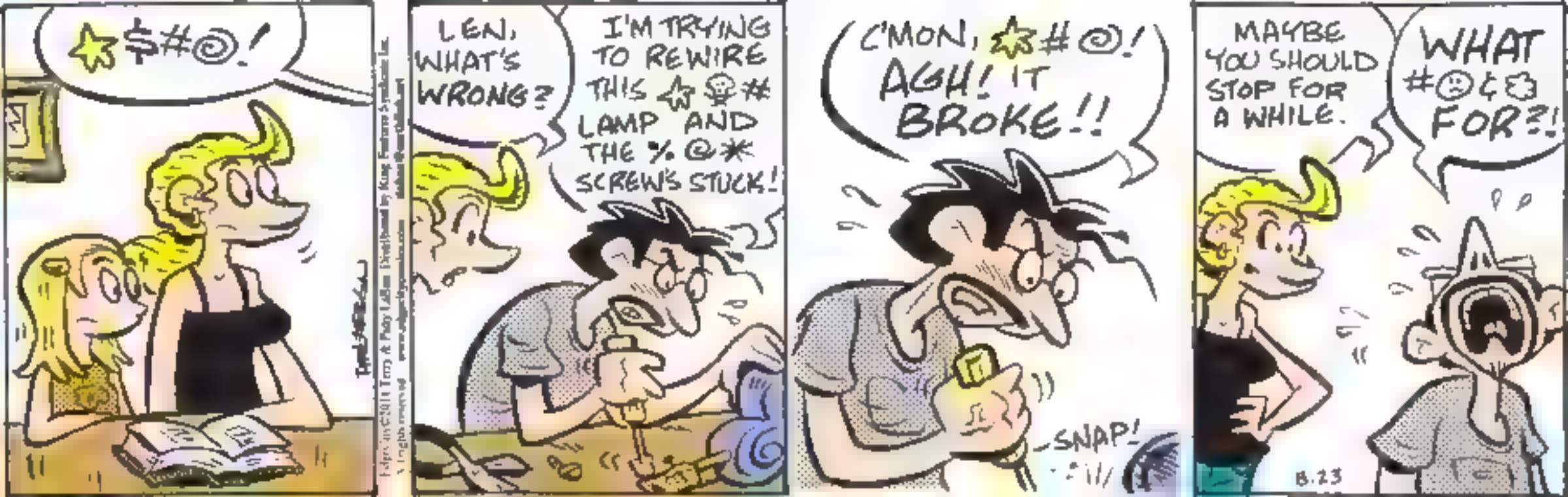

I GOT THIS COOL LAMP AT A GARAGE SALE FOR JUST $10!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT?
8-18
IT'LL LOOK GREAT ON MY NIGHT-STAND ONCE IT'S RE-WIRED.
WHO'S GOING TO DO THAT?
I WILL! I'M SURE IT'S NOT THAT HARD.
FAMOUS LAST WORDS.
THANKS FOR YOUR CON-FIDENCE.
I MEAN THAT LITERALLY, LEN-YOU'RE DEALING WITH ELECTRICITY!

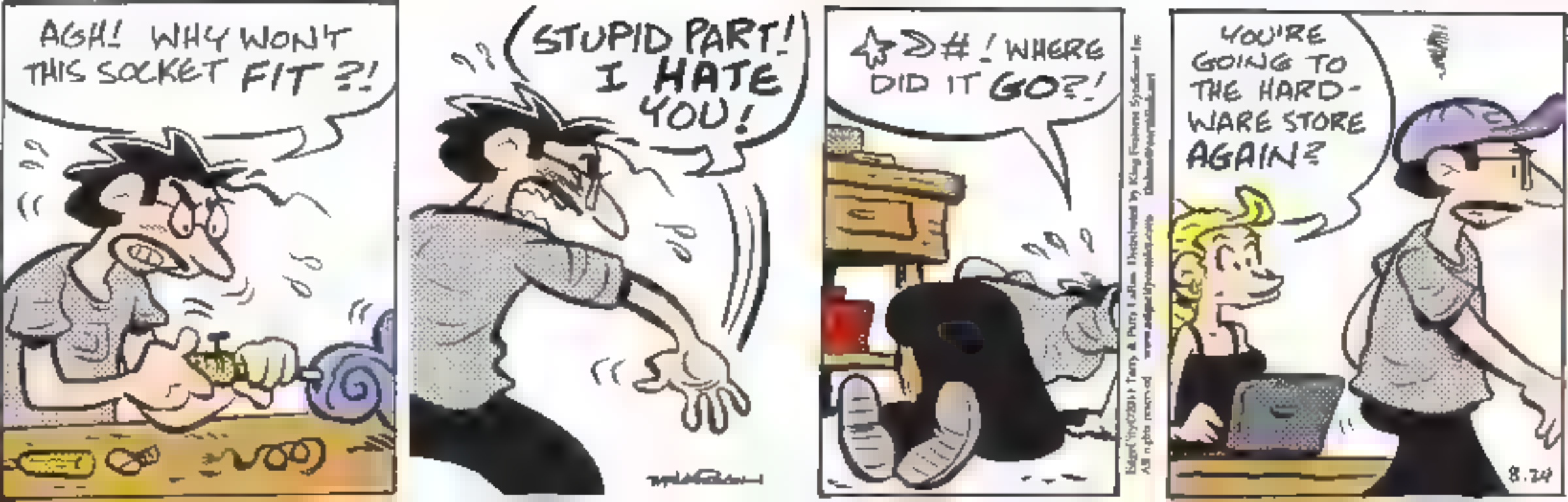

YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO TRY REWIRING THAT OLD LAMP?
ABSOLUTELY.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'LL FIND WHEN YOU TAKE THESE THINGS APART.
EEK!
MICE, FOR INSTANCE.
CATCH IT!!
B.19

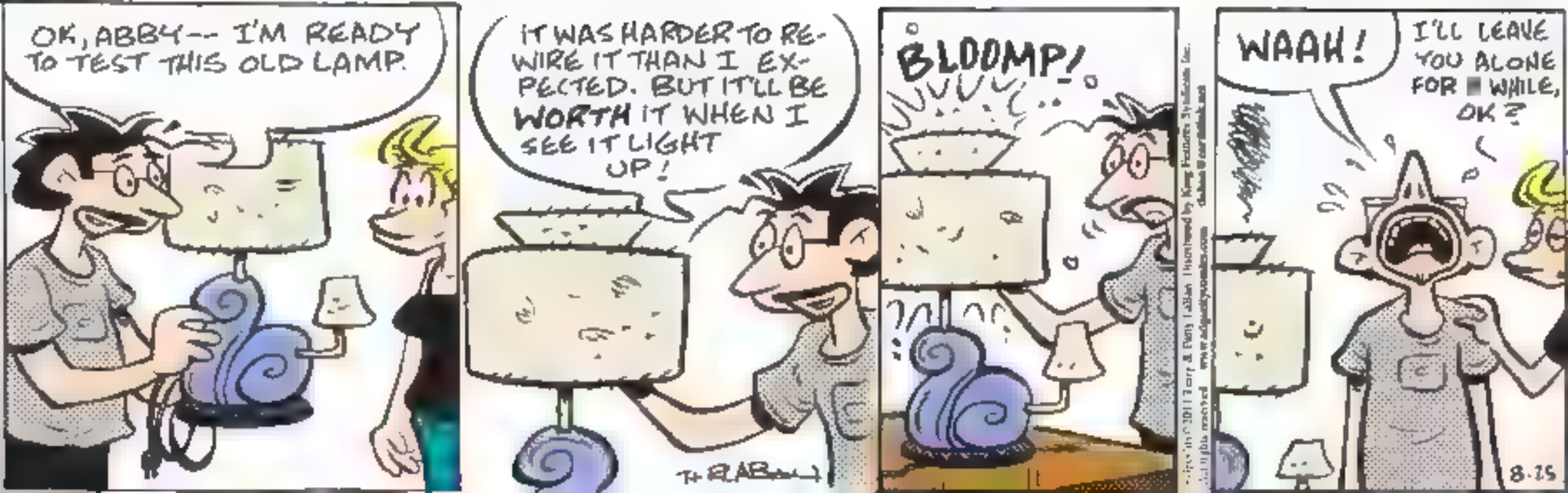

HI, AND WELCOME TO MY VIDEO TUTORIAL ON REWIRING OLD LAMPS.
THE FIRST STEP IS TO REMOVE THE SOCKET... UNSCREW THE LITTLE SCREWS ON THE SIDES... UMF!
...SEEMS TO BE STUCK...
@#! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THIS THING?!
MAYBE I'LL TRY A DIFFERENT VIDEO...

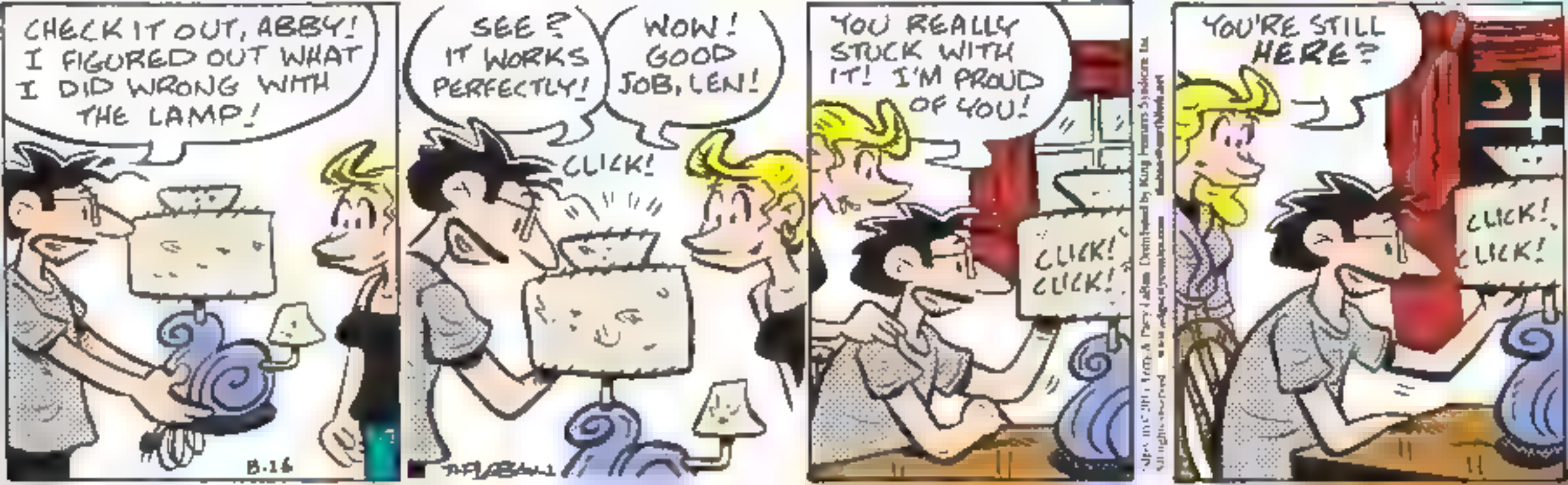

RAFTING * TUBING
RIVER

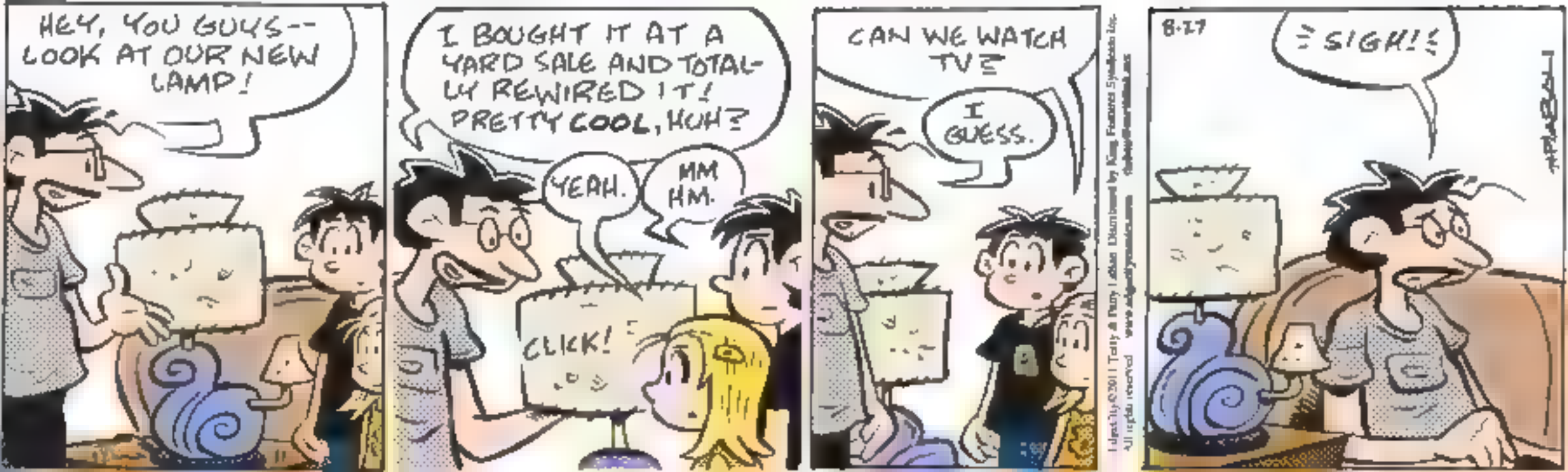

I WANT TO REWIRE THIS OLD LAMP.
HMM...LOOKS LIKE YOU NEED A NEW SOCKET AND SOME WIRE.
REWIRING OLD LAMPS CAN BE TRICKY. HAVE YOU EVER DONE IT BEFORE?
NOPE.
YOU MAY NEED SOMETHING FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, TOO.
8.12

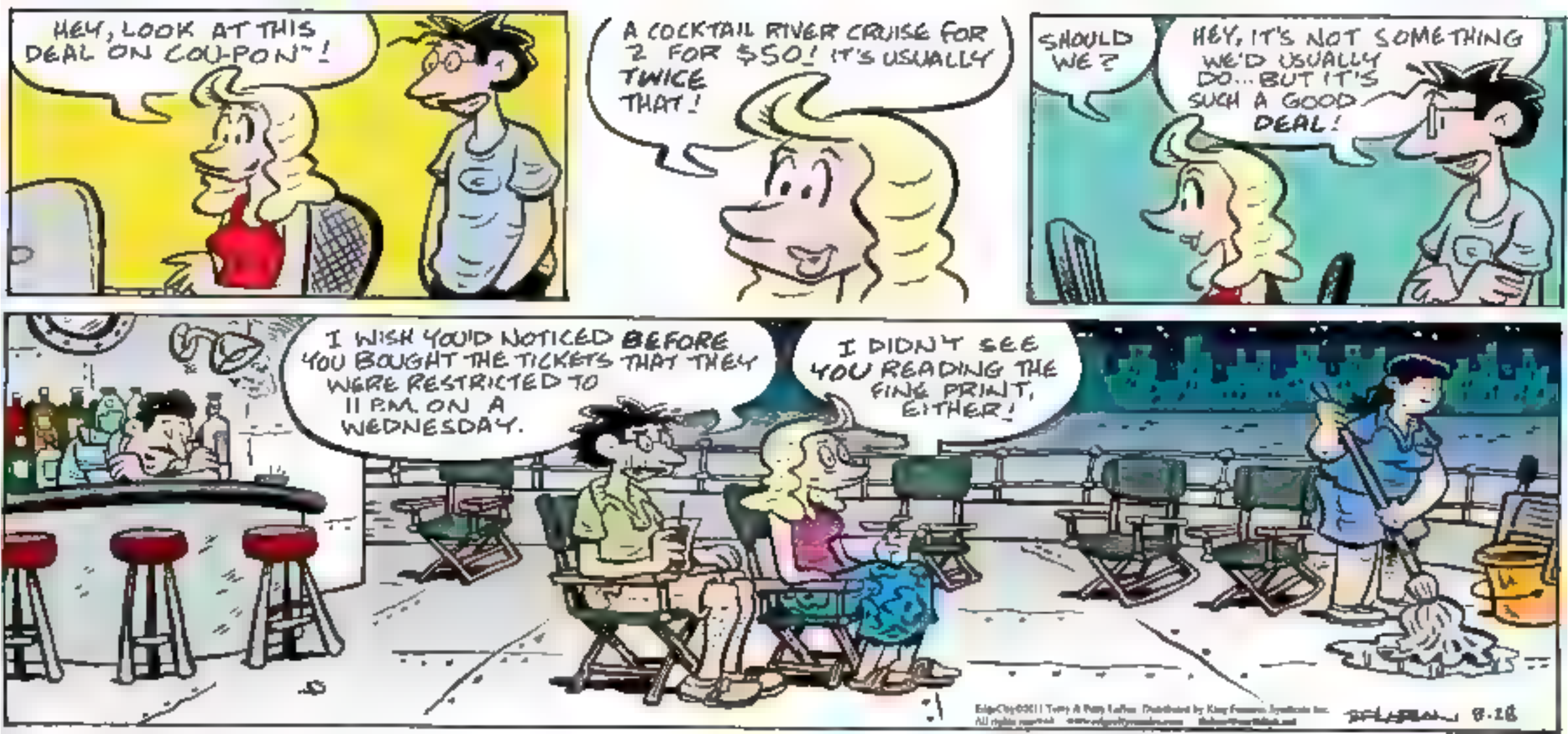

$#@!
LEN, WHAT'S WRONG?
I'M TRYING TO REWIRE THIS LAMP AND THE SCREW'S STUCK!
C'MON, #@! AGH! IT BROKE!!
SNAP!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD STOP FOR A WHILE.
WHAT #@& FOR?!
8.23

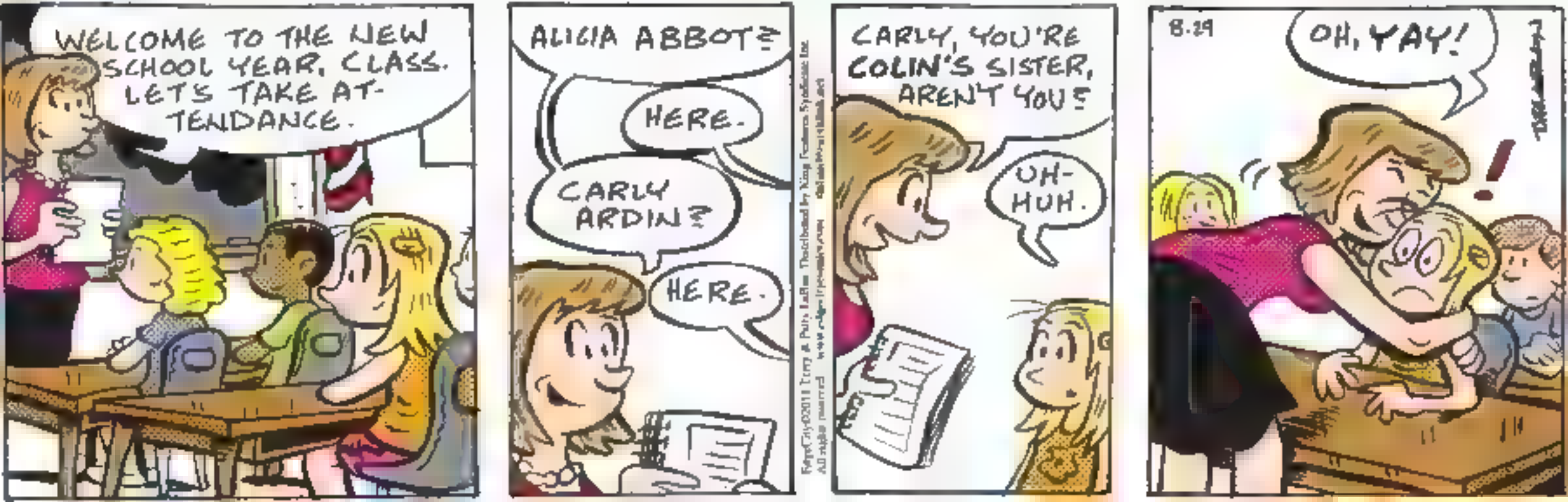

AGH! WHY WON'T THIS SOCKET FIT?!
STUPID PART! I HATE YOU!
@#! WHERE DID IT GO?!
YOU'RE GOING TO THE HARD-WARE STORE AGAIN?
8.24


OK, ABBY-- I'M READY TO TEST THIS OLD LAMP.
IT WAS HARDER TO RE-WIRE IT THAN I EX-PECTED. BUT IT'LL BE WORTH IT WHEN I SEE IT LIGHT UP!
BLOOMP!
WAAH!
I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE FOR ■ WHILE, OK?
8-25

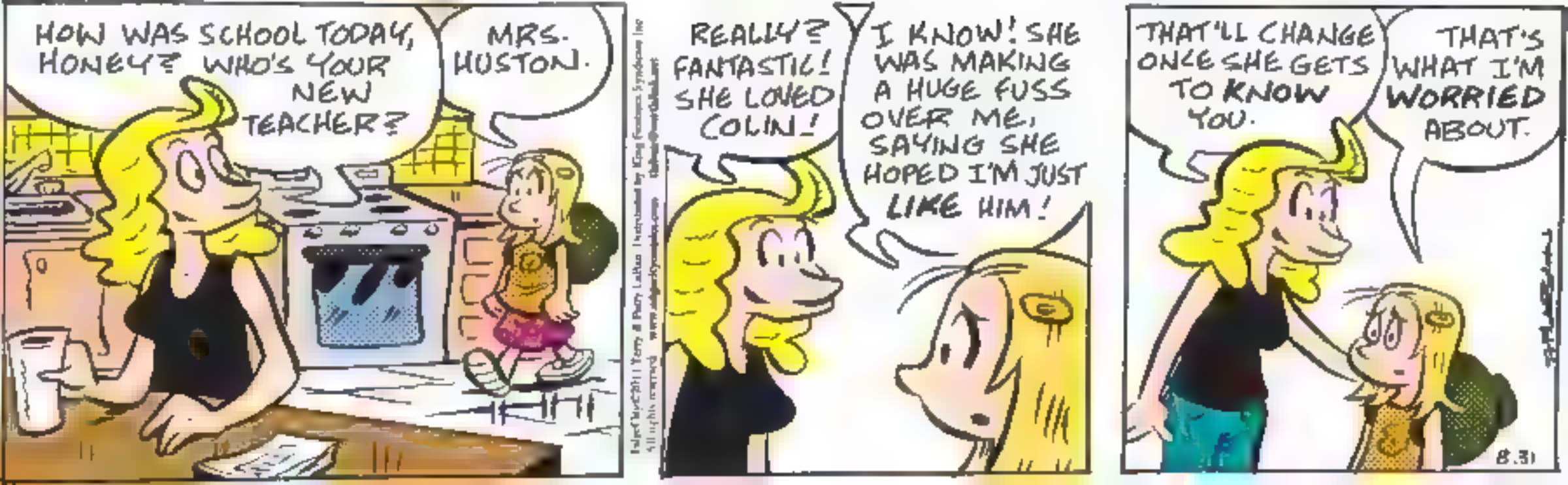

CHECK IT OUT, ABBY! I FIGURED OUT WHAT I DID WRONG WITH THE LAMP!
B-16
SEE? IT WORKS PERFECTLY!
WOW! GOOD JOB, LEN!
CLICK!
YOU REALLY STUCK WITH IT! I'M PROUD OF YOU!
CLICK! CLICK!
YOU'RE STILL HERE?
CLICK! CLICK!

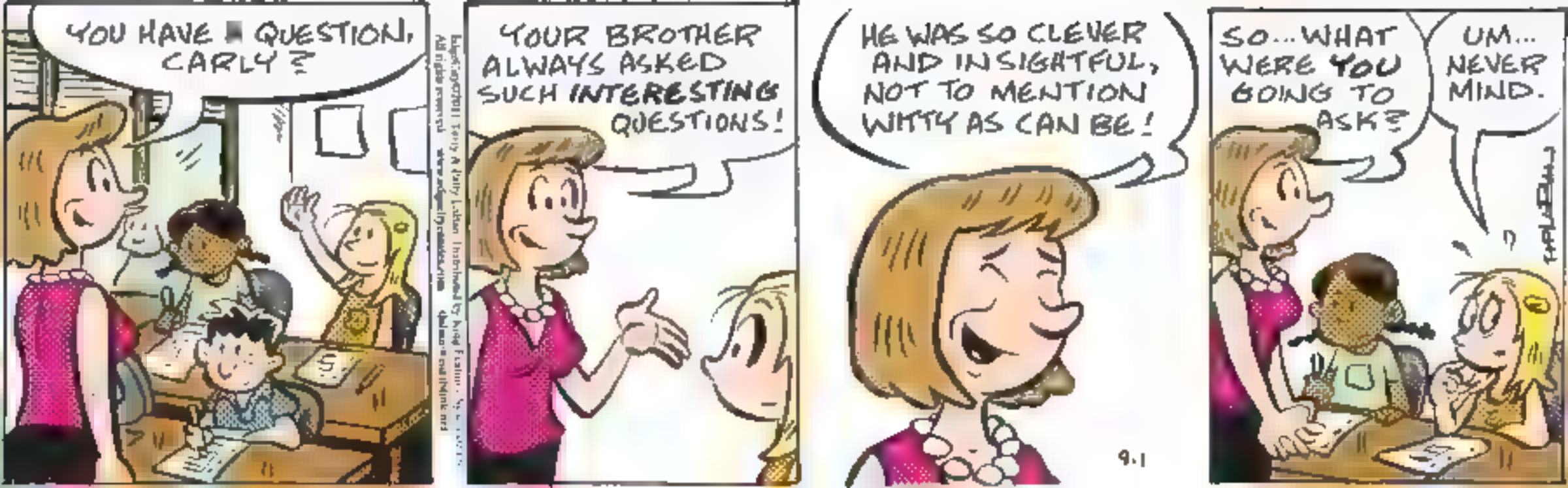

HEY, YOU GUYS-- LOOK AT OUR NEW LAMP!
I BOUGHT IT AT A YARD SALE AND TOTALLY REWIRED IT! PRETTY COOL, HUH?
YEAH.
MM HM.
CLICK!
CAN WE WATCH TV?
I GUESS.
8-27
SIGH!

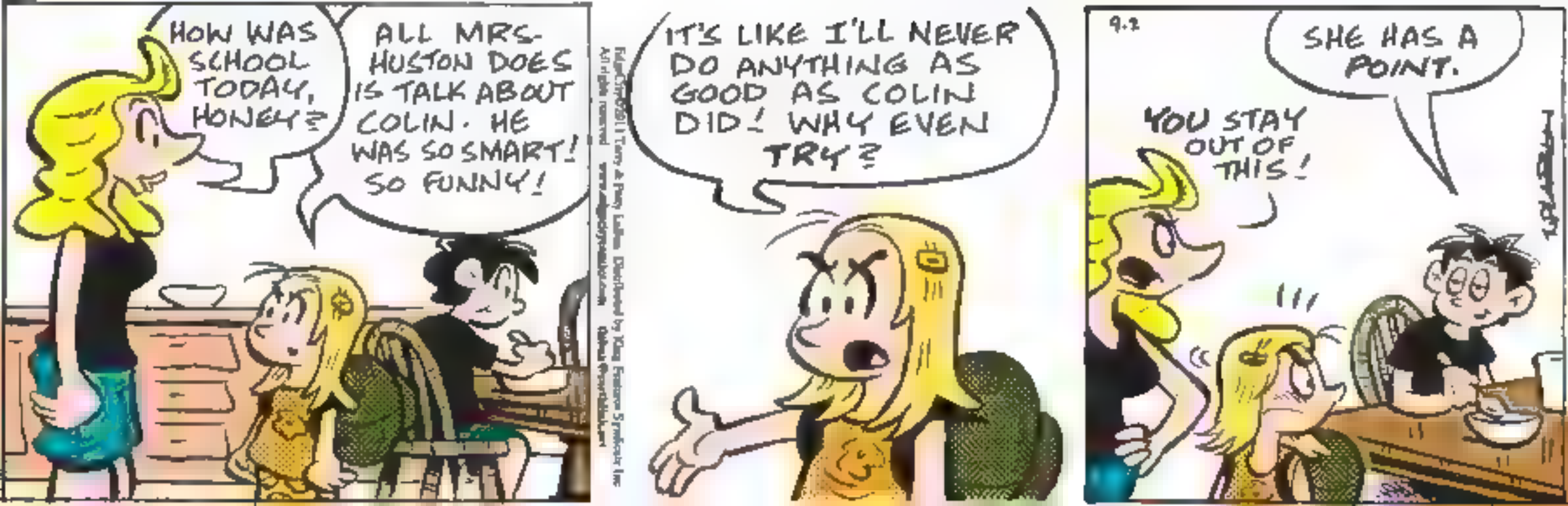

HEY, LOOK AT THIS DEAL ON COU-PON™!
A COCKTAIL RIVER CRUISE FOR 2 FOR $50! IT'S USUALLY TWICE THAT!
SHOULD WE?
HEY, IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE'D USUALLY DO... BUT IT'S SUCH A GOOD DEAL!
I WISH YOU'D NOTICED BEFORE YOU BOUGHT THE TICKETS THAT THEY WERE RESTRICTED TO 11 P.M. ON A WEDNESDAY.
I DIDN'T SEE YOU READING THE FINE PRINT, EITHER!


WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, CLASS. LETS TAKE ATTENDANCE.
ALICIA ABBOTT?
HERE.
CARLY ARDIN?
HERE.
CARLY, YOU'RE COLIN'S SISTER, AREN'T YOU?
UH-HUH.
8-29
OH, YAY!


CARLY, I'M SO HAPPY YOU'RE IN MY CLASS. I LOVED YOUR BROTHER!
COLIN WAS SO SMART, FUNNY AND IMAGINATIVE!
8.30
IF YOU'RE ANY-THING LIKE THAT, WE'LL GET ALONG JUST FINE.
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HE WAS LIKE THAT!

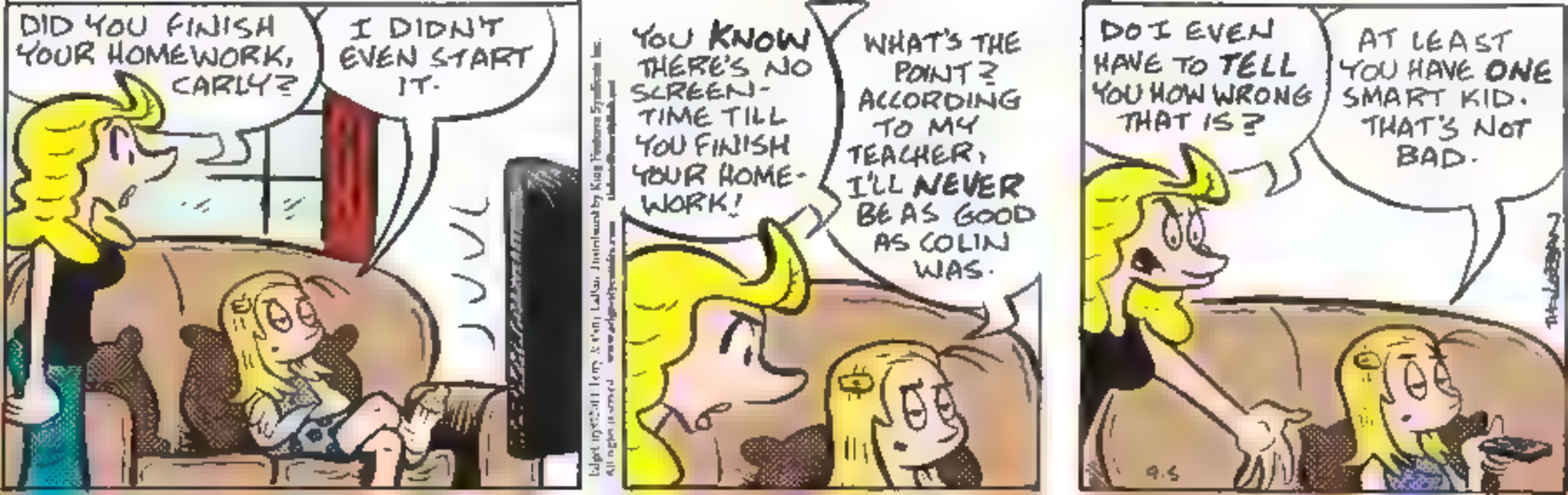

HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY, HONEY? WHO'S YOUR NEW TEACHER?
MRS. HUSTON.
REALLY? FANTASTIC! SHE LOVED COLIN!
I KNOW! SHE WAS MAKING A HUGE FUSS OVER ME, SAYING SHE HOPED I'M JUST LIKE HIM!
THAT'LL CHANGE ONCE SHE GETS TO KNOW YOU.
THAT'S WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT.
8.31

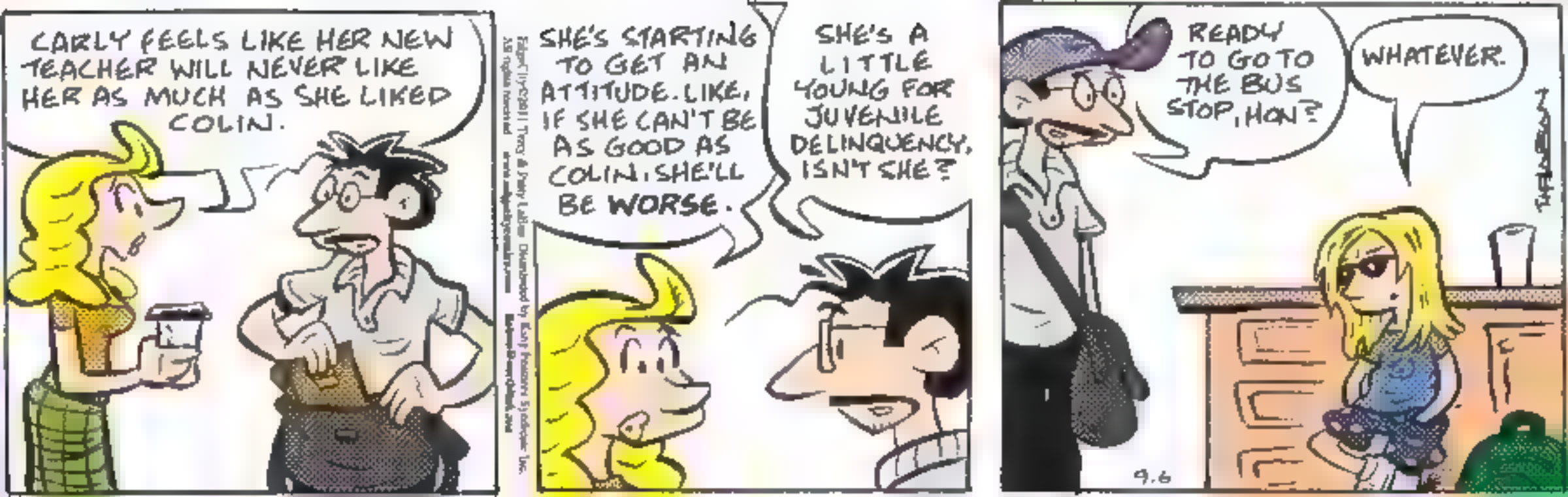

YOU HAVE A QUESTION, CARLY?
YOUR BROTHER ALWAYS ASKED SUCH INTERESTING QUESTIONS!
HE WAS SO CLEVER AND INSIGHTFUL, NOT TO MENTION WITTY AS CAN BE!
SO...WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO ASK?
UM... NEVER MIND.


HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY, HONEY?
ALL MRS. HUSTON DOES IS TALK ABOUT COLIN. HE WAS SO SMART! SO FUNNY!
IT'S LIKE I'LL NEVER DO ANYTHING AS GOOD AS COLIN DID! WHY EVEN TRY?
9-2
SHE HAS A POINT.
YOU STAY OUT OF THIS!

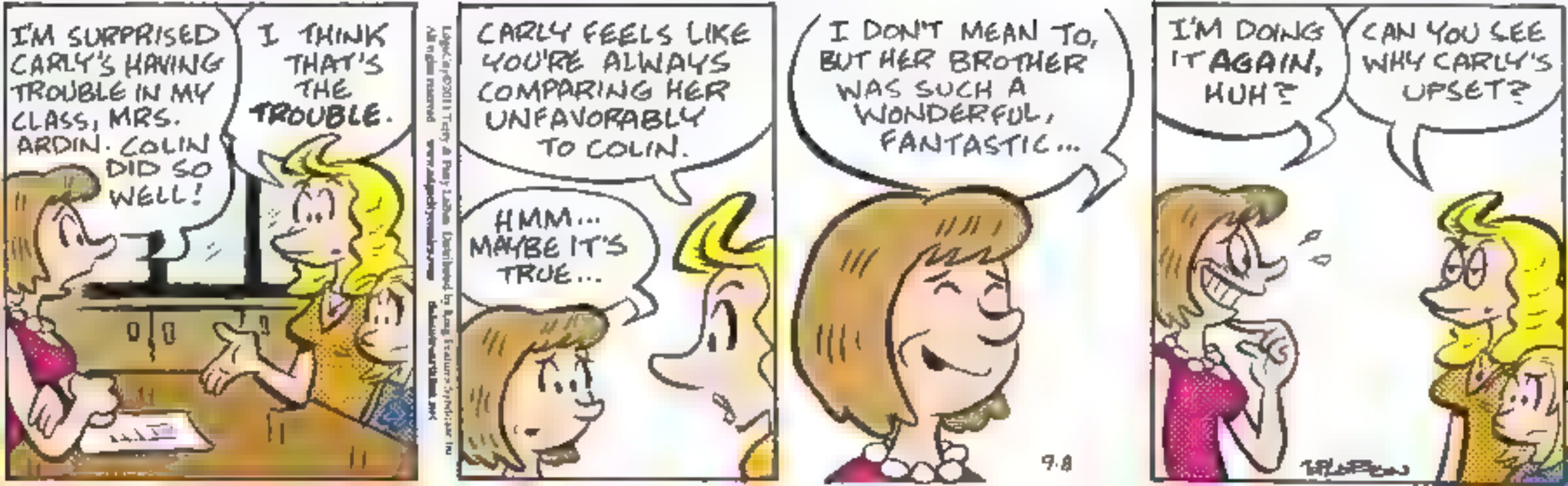

I'M WORRIED ABOUT CARLY'S TEACHER.
MRS. HUSTON? SHE LOVED COLIN!
YEAH. BUT NOW SHE CONSTANTLY TELLS CARLY HOW GREAT COLIN WAS. IT MAKES HER FEEL INADEQUATE.
I EMAILED HER TO TALK ABOUT IT.
DID SHE WRITE BACK?
SHE SAID SHE'D DO ANYTHING FOR COLIN'S MOM.
I SEE...


ANOTHER LABOR DAY. IT MAKES ME THINK.
IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY YEAR I WORK HARDER, BUT NEVER GET AHEAD.
I WORK EVENINGS... I WORK WEEKENDS... I HARDLY GET VACATIONS... I CAN BARELY AFFORD HEALTH INSURANCE...
I WISH I COULD JUST GO TO MY BOSS AND SAY "Y'KNOW WHAT? ENOUGH OF THIS! PAY ME WHAT I'M WORTH OR KISS ME GOODBYE!"
THAT'S THE DOWN-SIDE OF BEING SELF-EMPLOYED.
YEAH. I KNOW.

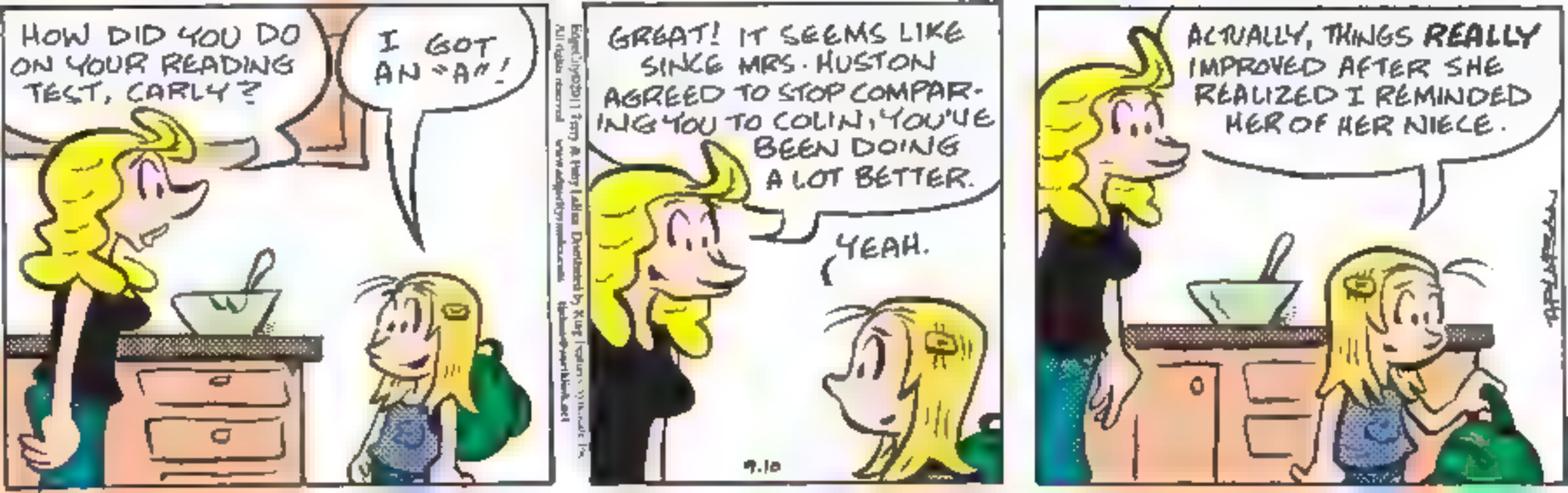

DID YOU FINISH YOUR HOMEWORK, CARLY?
I DIDN'T EVEN START IT.
JUUL
YOU KNOW THERE'S NO SCREEN-TIME TILL YOU FINISH YOUR HOME-WORK!
WHAT'S THE POINT? ACCORDING TO MY TEACHER, I'LL NEVER BE AS GOOD AS COLIN WAS.
DO I EVEN HAVE TO TELL YOU HOW WRONG THAT IS?
AT LEAST YOU HAVE ONE SMART KID. THAT'S NOT BAD.

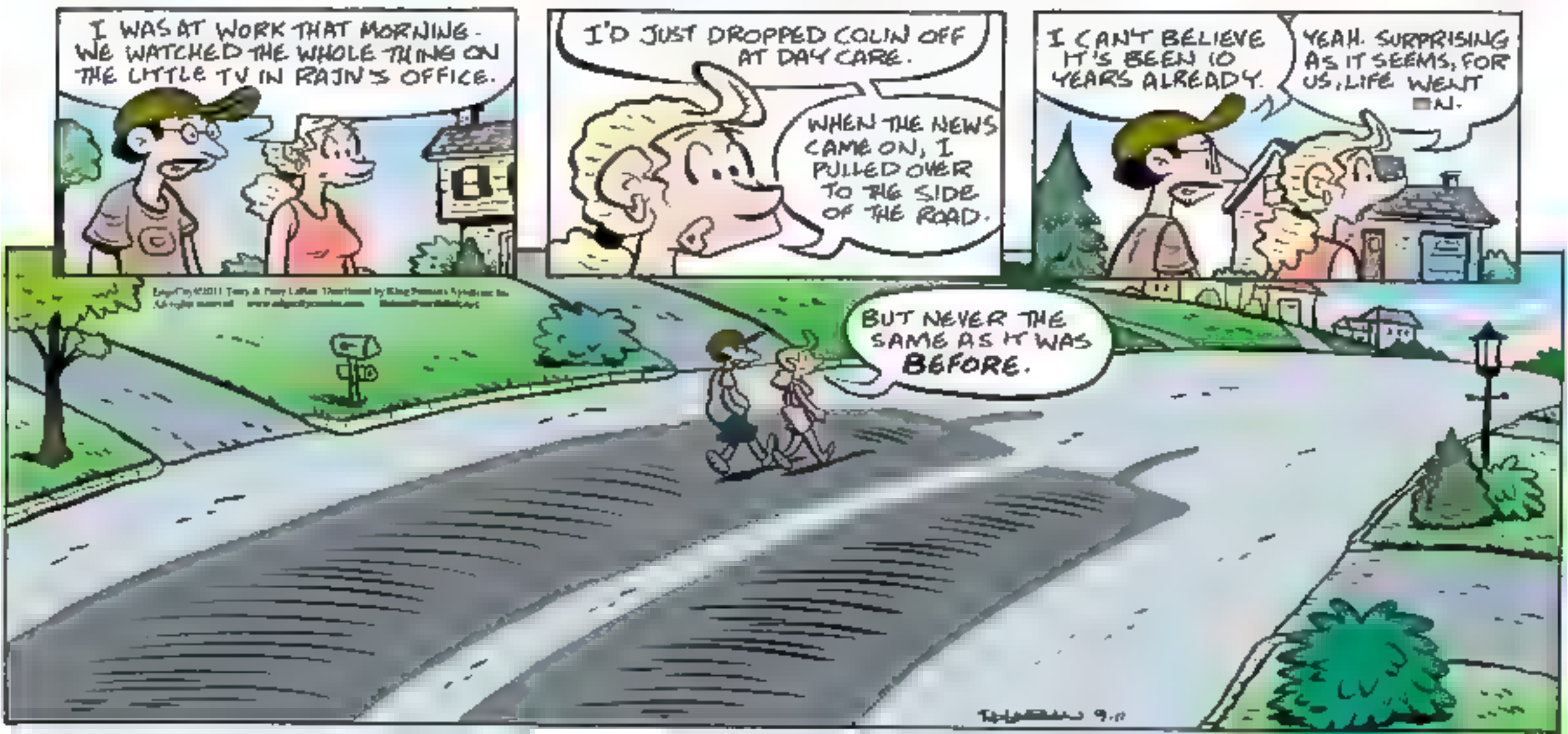

CARLY FEELS LIKE HER NEW TEACHER WILL NEVER LIKE HER AS MUCH AS SHE LIKED COLIN.
SHE'S STARTING TO GET AN ATTITUDE. LIKE, IF SHE CAN'T BE AS GOOD AS COLIN, SHE'LL BE WORSE.
SHE'S A LITTLE YOUNG FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, ISN'T SHE?
READY TO GO TO THE BUS STOP, HON?
WHATEVER.
9.6


CARLY ARDIN! ARE YOUR FEET ON THE DESK?
YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT HOW WE BEHAVE IN CLASS! YOU CERTAINLY DON'T ACT LIKE YOUR BROTHER!
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT, LADY!
HELLO? MRS. ARDIN?
PRINCIPAL
9-7

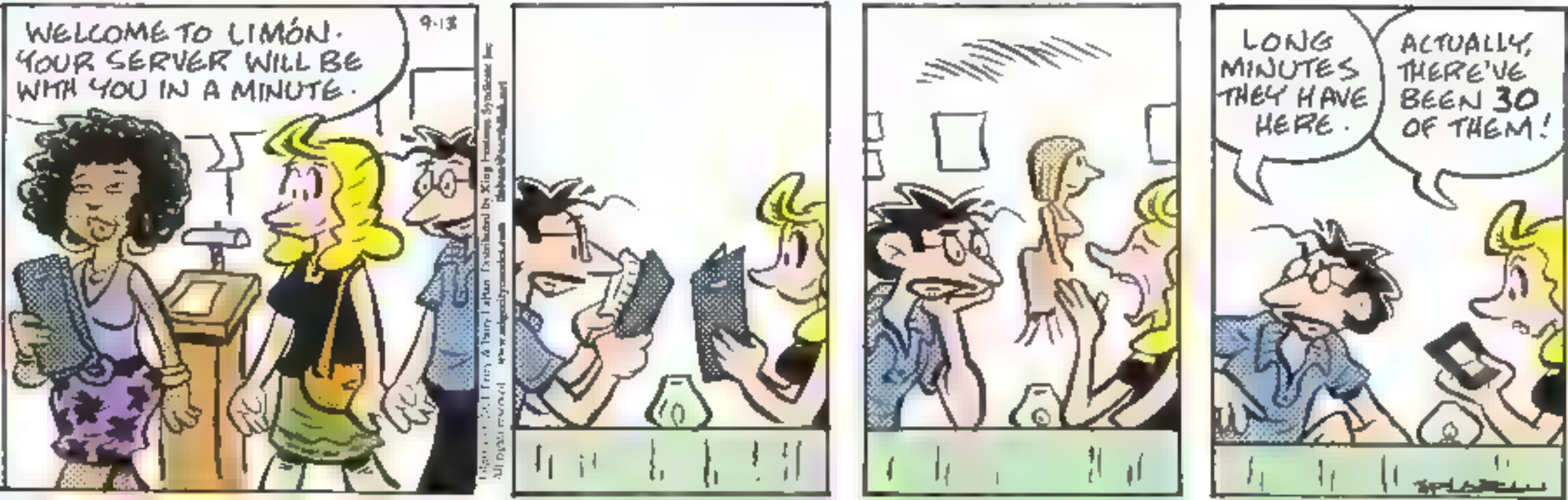

I'M SURPRISED CARLY'S HAVING TROUBLE IN MY CLASS, MRS. ARDIN. COLIN DID SO WELL!
I THINK THAT'S THE TROUBLE.
CARLY FEELS LIKE YOU'RE ALWAYS COMPARING HER UNFAVORABLY TO COLIN.
HMM... MAYBE IT'S TRUE...
I DON'T MEAN TO, BUT HER BROTHER WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL, FANTASTIC...
I'M DOING IT AGAIN, HUH?
CAN YOU SEE WHY CARLY'S UPSET?

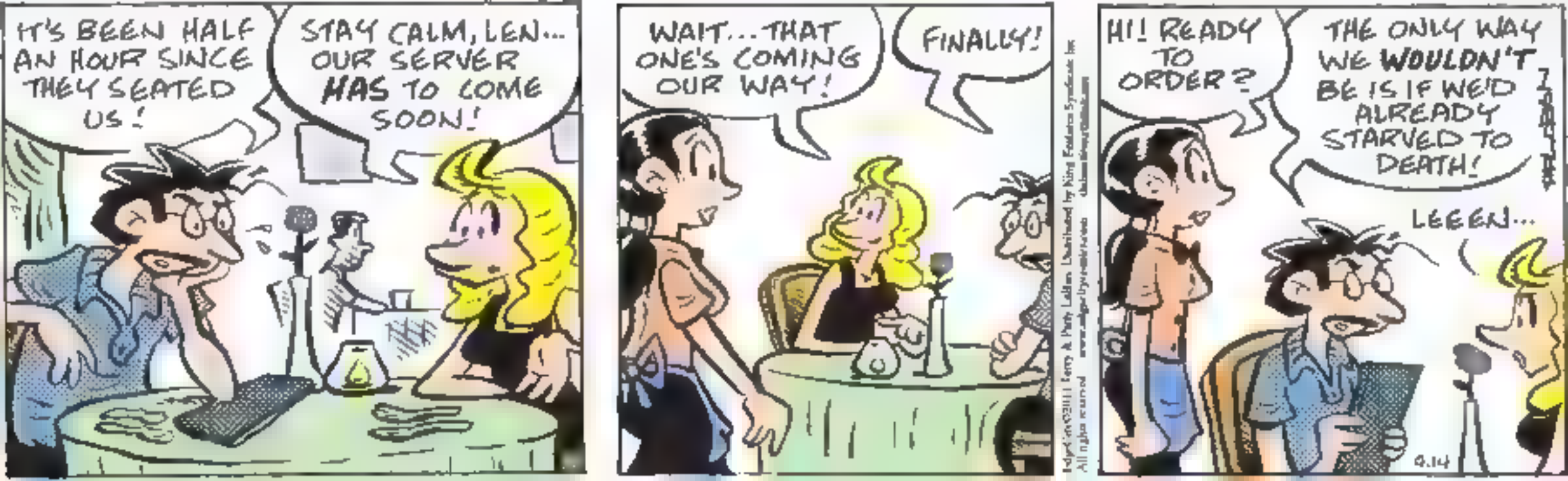

CARLY, I'M SORRY. IT'S TOTALLY UNFAIR FOR ME TO COMPARE YOU TO COLIN.
LET'S START OVER, OK? FROM NOW ON, I WON'T EVEN MENTION YOUR BROTHER IN THE CLASSROOM. DEAL?
DEAL!
Y'KNOW WHAT, CARLY? YOU DRAW A LOT LIKE HE-WHO-CANNOT-BE-NAMED.

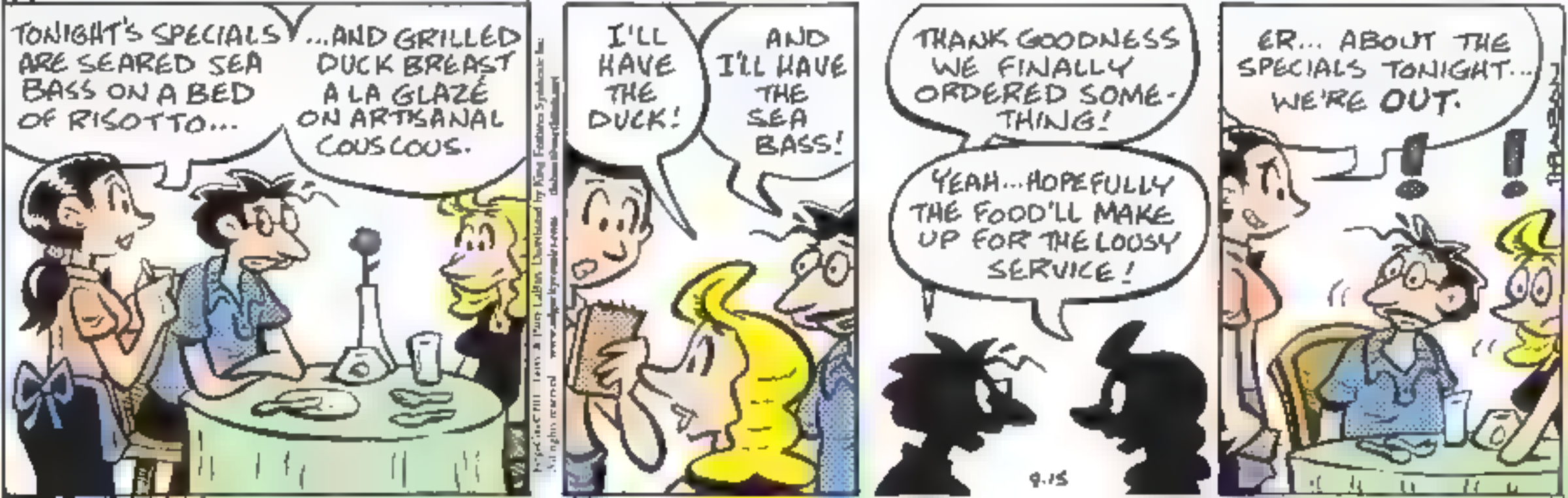

HOW DID YOU DO ON YOUR READING TEST, CARLY?
I GOT AN "A"!
GREAT! IT SEEMS LIKE SINCE MRS. HUSTON AGREED TO STOP COMPARING YOU TO COLIN, YOU'VE BEEN DOING A LOT BETTER.
YEAH.
9.10
ACTUALLY, THINGS REALLY IMPROVED AFTER SHE REALIZED I REMINDED HER OF HER NIECE.

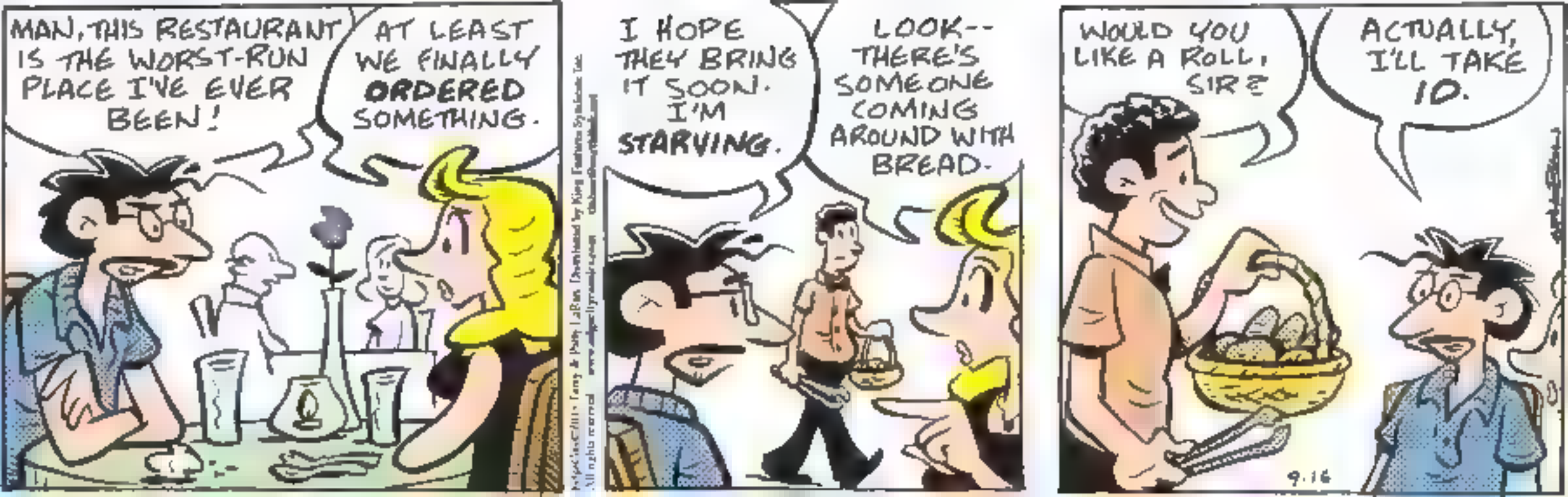

I WAS AT WORK THAT MORNING. WE WATCHED THE WHOLE THING ON THE LITTLE TV IN RAJN'S OFFICE.
I'D JUST DROPPED COLIN OFF AT DAY CARE.
WHEN THE NEWS CAME ON, I PULLED OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S BEEN 10 YEARS ALREADY.
YEAH. SURPRISING AS IT SEEMS, FOR US, LIFE WENT ON.
BUT NEVER THE SAME AS IT WAS BEFORE.

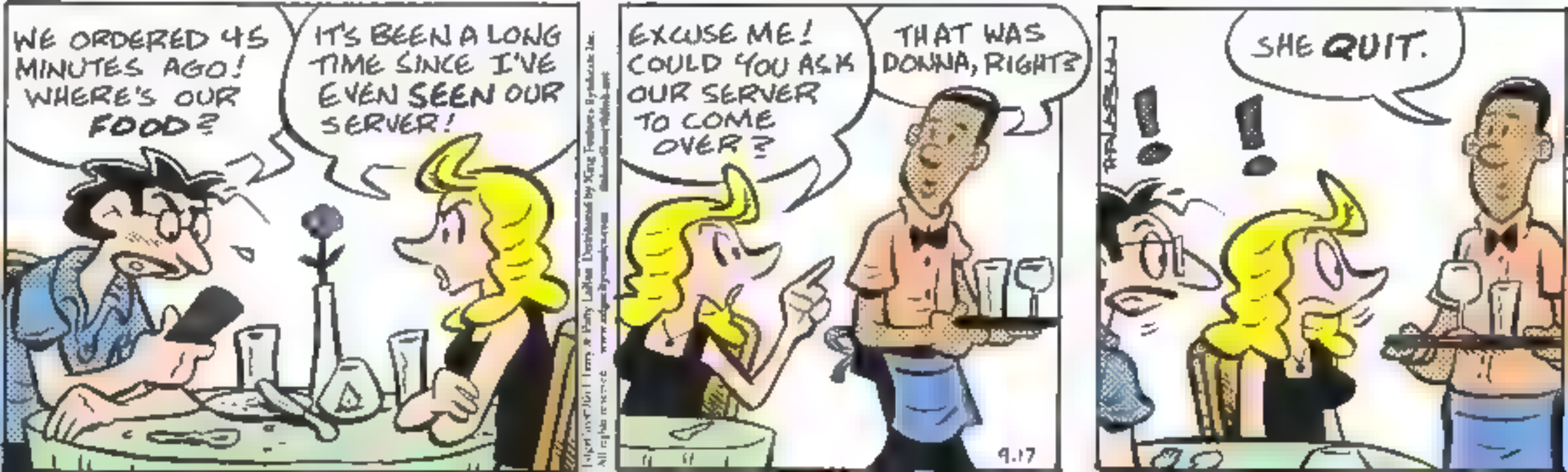

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW RESTAURANT OVER IN AVONDALE?
OH, YEAH! WE SHOULD TRY IT!
WE CAN GET RESERVATIONS AT 7:30 ON SATURDAY NIGHT.
REALLY?
9.12
I HOPE THAT'S NOT A BAD SIGN.
JUST BECAUSE WE CAN GET INTO A PLACE DOESN'T MEAN IT ISN'T GOOD!

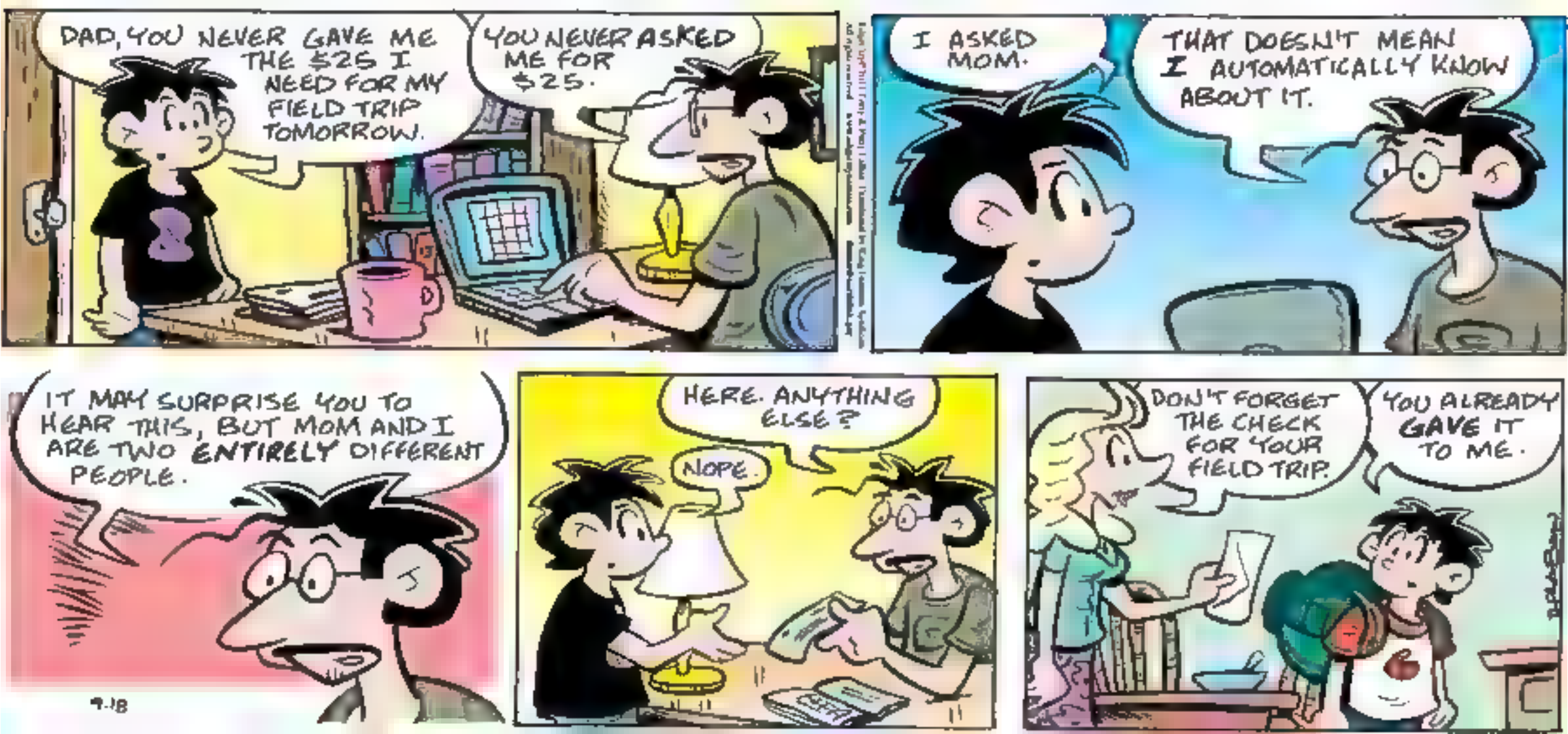

WELCOME TO LIMÓN. YOUR SERVER WILL BE WITH YOU IN A MINUTE.
9-13
LONG MINUTES THEY HAVE HERE.
ACTUALLY, THERE'VE BEEN 30 OF THEM!

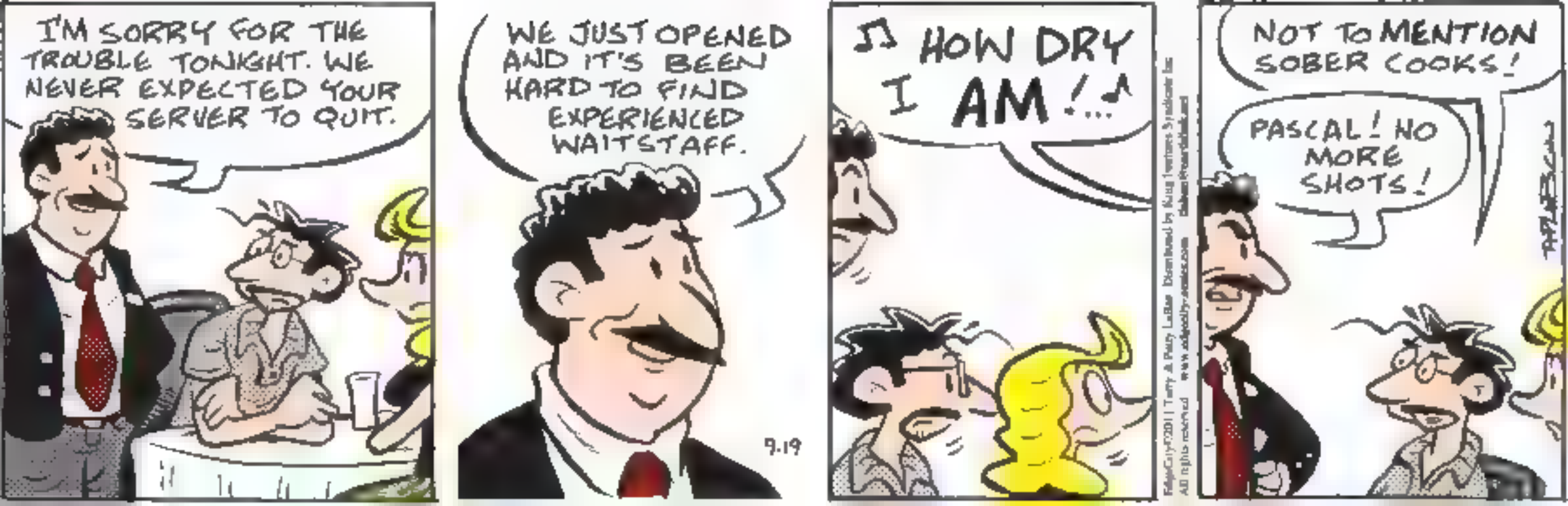

IT'S BEEN HALF AN HOUR SINCE THEY SEATED US!
STAY CALM, LEN... OUR SERVER HAS TO COME SOON!
WAIT... THAT ONE'S COMING OUR WAY!
FINALLY!
HI! READY TO ORDER?
THE ONLY WAY WE WOULDN'T BE IS IF WE'D ALREADY STARVED TO DEATH!
LEEEN...
9.14

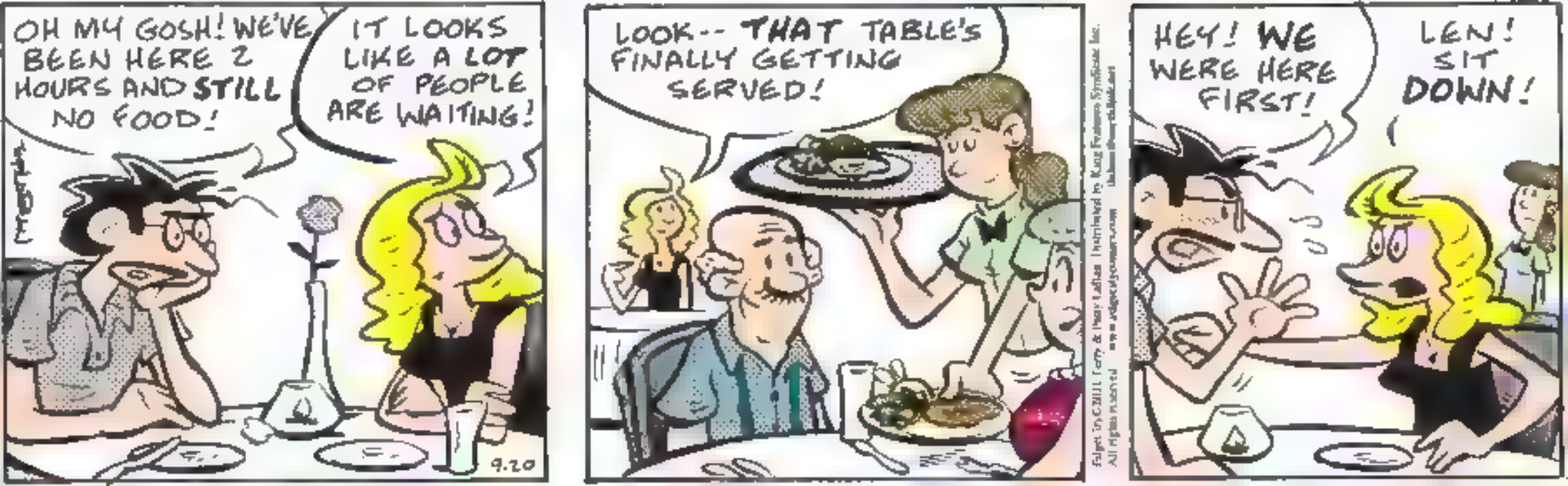

TONIGHT'S SPECIALS ARE SEARED SEA BASS ON A BED OF RISOTTO...
...AND GRILLED DUCK BREAST A LA GLAZÉ ON ARTISANAL COUSCOUS.
I'LL HAVE THE DUCK!
AND I'LL HAVE THE SEA BASS!
THANK GOODNESS WE FINALLY ORDERED SOMETHING!
YEAH...HOPEFULLY THE FOOD'LL MAKE UP FOR THE LOOSY SERVICE!
9-15
ER... ABOUT THE SPECIALS TONIGHT... WE'RE OUT.


MAN, THIS RESTAURANT IS THE WORST-RUN PLACE I'VE EVER BEEN!
AT LEAST WE FINALLY ORDERED SOMETHING.
I HOPE THEY BRING IT SOON. I'M STARVING.
LOOK-- THERE'S SOMEONE COMING AROUND WITH BREAD.
WOULD YOU LIKE A ROLL, SIR?
ACTUALLY, I'LL TAKE 10.
9.16

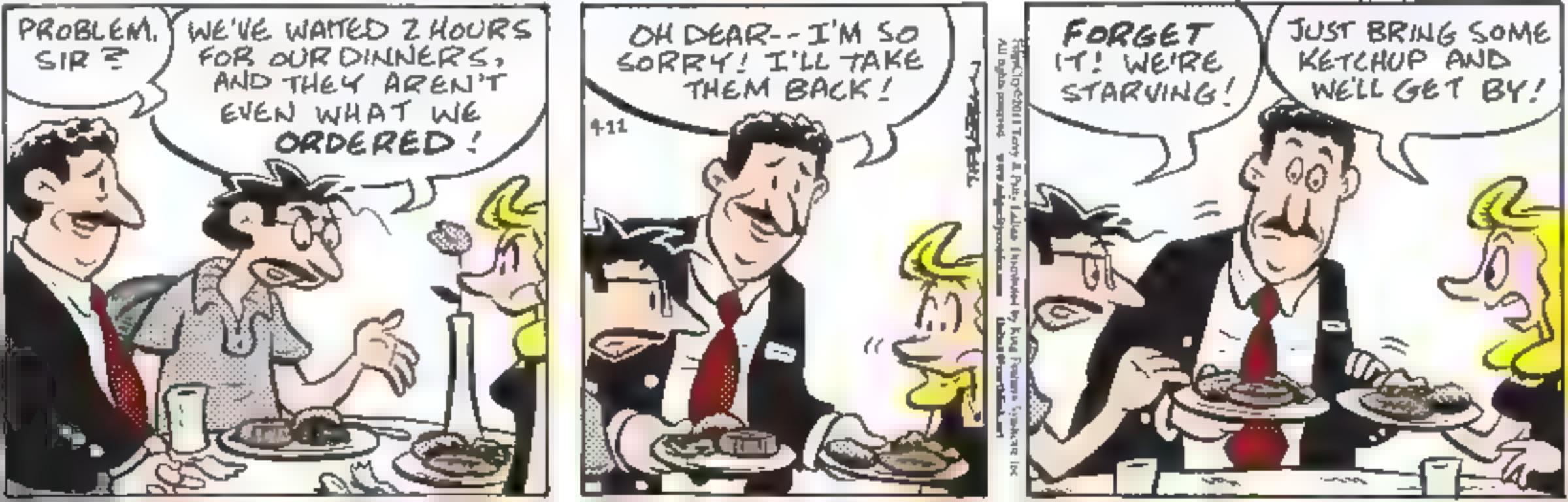

WE ORDERED 45 MINUTES AGO! WHERE'S OUR FOOD?
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE EVEN SEEN OUR SERVER!
EXCUSE ME! COULD YOU ASK OUR SERVER TO COME OVER?
THAT WAS DONNA, RIGHT?
9.17
SHE QUIT.

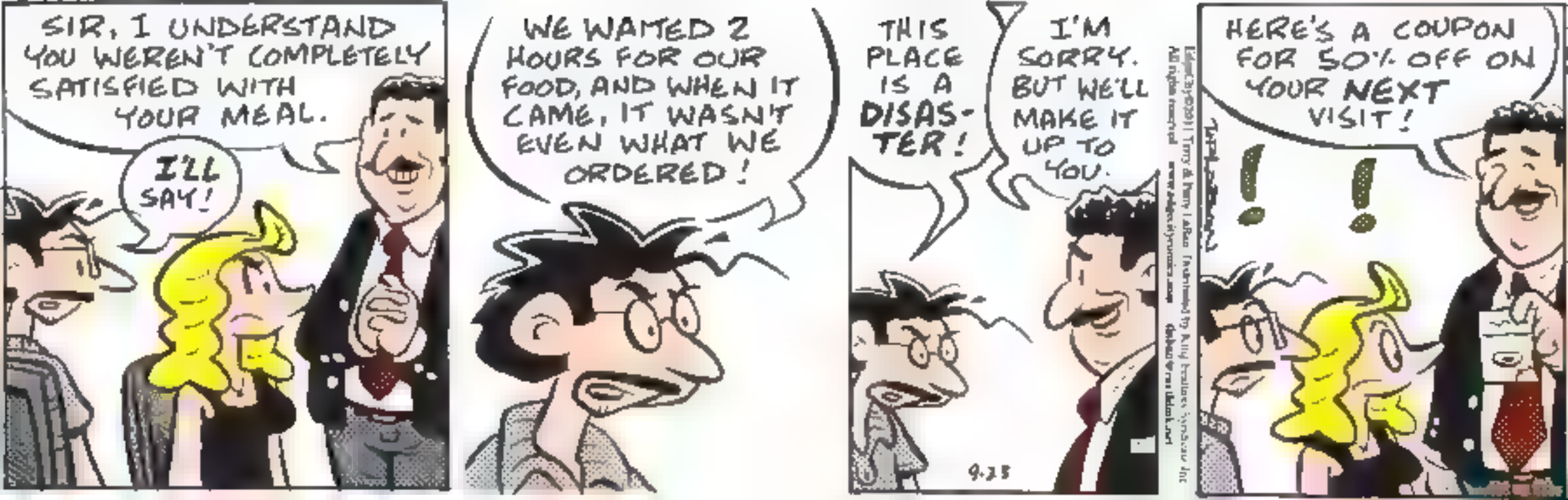

DAD, YOU NEVER GAVE ME THE $25 I NEED FOR MY FIELD TRIP TOMORROW.
YOU NEVER ASKED ME FOR $25.
I ASKED MOM.
THAT DOESN'T MEAN I AUTOMATICALLY KNOW ABOUT IT.
IT MAY SURPRISE YOU TO HEAR THIS, BUT MOM AND I ARE TWO ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PEOPLE.
HERE. ANYTHING ELSE?
NOPE.
DON'T FORGET THE CHECK FOR YOUR FIELD TRIP.
YOU ALREADY GAVE IT TO ME.


I'M SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE TONIGHT. WE NEVER EXPECTED YOUR SERVER TO QUIT.
WE JUST OPENED AND IT'S BEEN HARD TO FIND EXPERIENCED WAITSTAFF.
9.19
♫ HOW DRY I AM!...♫
NOT TO MENTION SOBER COOKS!
PASCAL! NO MORE SHOTS!


OH MY GOSH! WE'VE BEEN HERE 2 HOURS AND STILL NO FOOD!
IT LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE WAITING!
9.20
LOOK-- THAT TABLE'S FINALLY GETTING SERVED!
HEY! WE WERE HERE FIRST!
LEN! SIT DOWN!

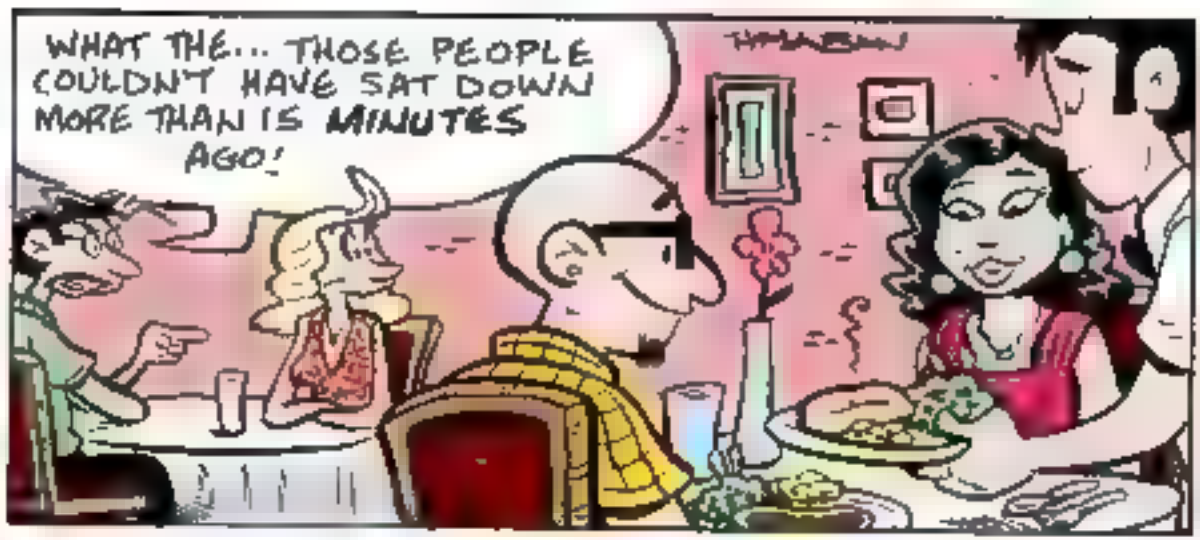

I'VE HAD IT! IF WE DON'T GET OUR FOOD SOON, WE SHOULD LEAVE.
HEY-- I THINK THAT'S OURS NOW!
9-21
HERE YOU GO!
FINALLY!
THIS ISN'T WHAT I ORDERED!
AND IT'S COLD!

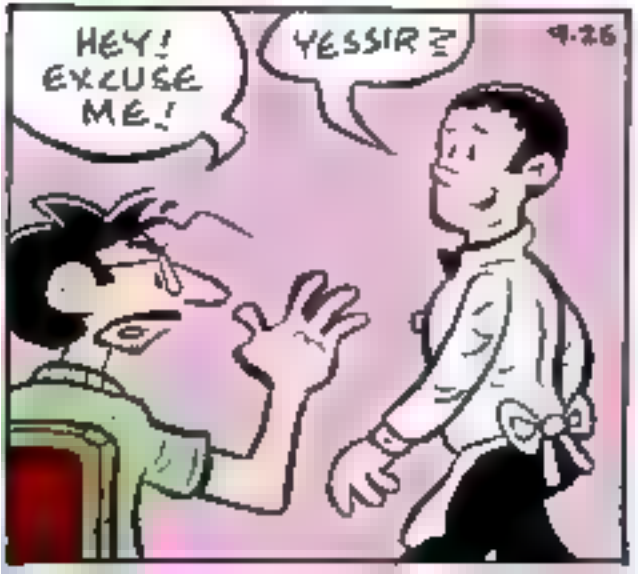

PROBLEM, SIR?
WE'VE WAITED 2 HOURS FOR OUR DINNERS, AND THEY AREN'T EVEN WHAT WE ORDERED!
OH DEAR--I'M SO SORRY! I'LL TAKE THEM BACK!
4-11
FORGET IT! WE'RE STARVING!
JUST BRING SOME KETCHUP AND WE'LL GET BY!

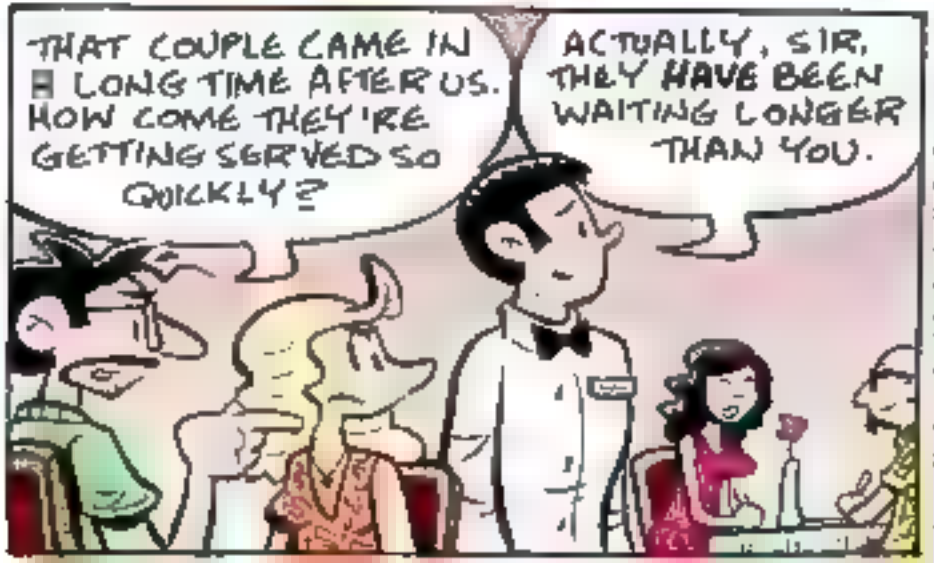

SIR, I UNDERSTAND YOU WEREN'T COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH YOUR MEAL.
I'LL SAY!
WE WAITED 2 HOURS FOR OUR FOOD, AND WHEN IT CAME, IT WASN'T EVEN WHAT WE ORDERED!
THIS PLACE IS A DISAS-TER!
I'M SORRY. BUT WE'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU.
9-25
HERE'S A COUPON FOR 50% OFF ON YOUR NEXT VISIT!
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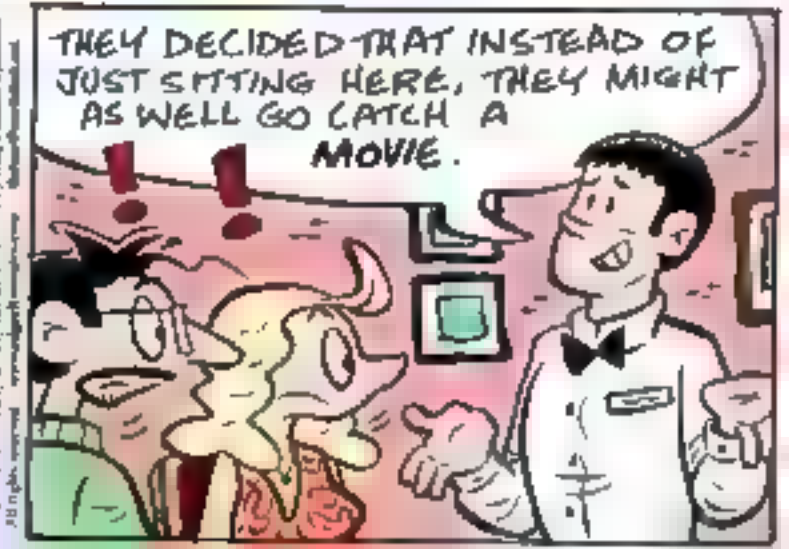

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
POSTING A REVIEW OF THE RESTAURANT WE ATE AT LAST NIGHT.
I ALWAYS POST A REVIEW AFTER WE GO TO A NEW RESTAURANT. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S AS BAD AS THAT ONE.
IT ALREADY HAD 150 BAD REVIEWS!
I DON'T READ THEM-- I JUST POST THEM.
9-24

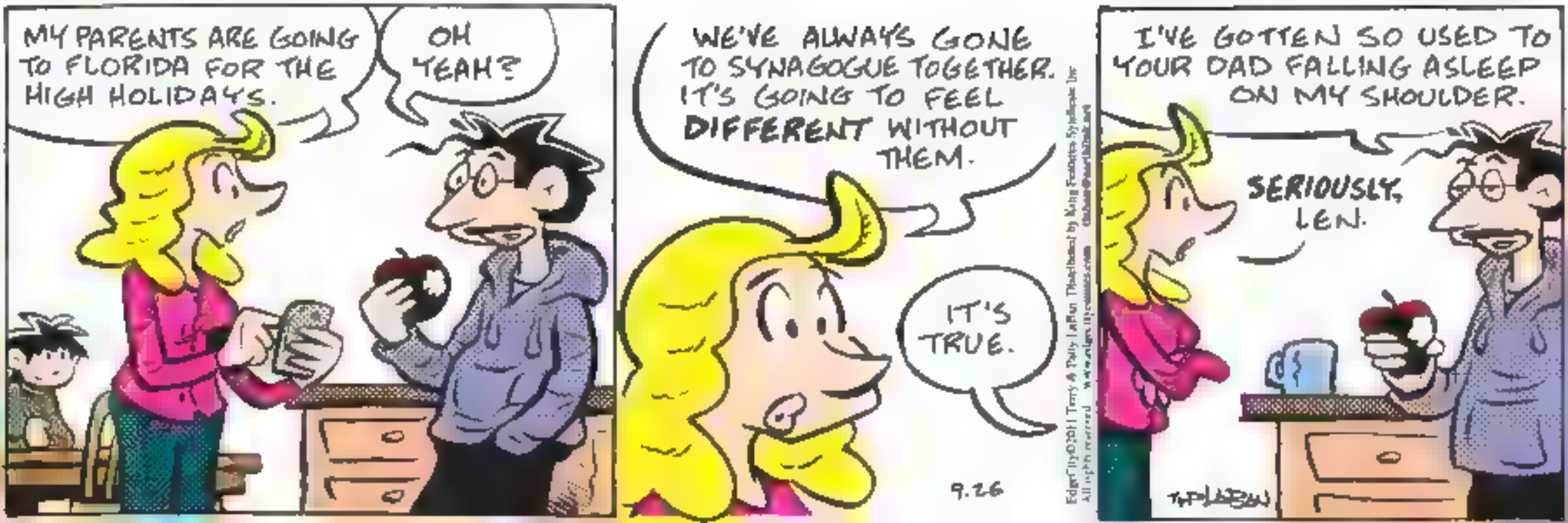

MAN, HOW MUCH LONGER IS IT GOING TO TAKE?
IT'S BEEN ALMOST AN HOUR SINCE WE ORDERED!


WHAT THE... THOSE PEOPLE COULDN'T HAVE SAT DOWN MORE THAN 15 MINUTES AGO!


HEY! EXCUSE ME!
YESSIR?
4-26

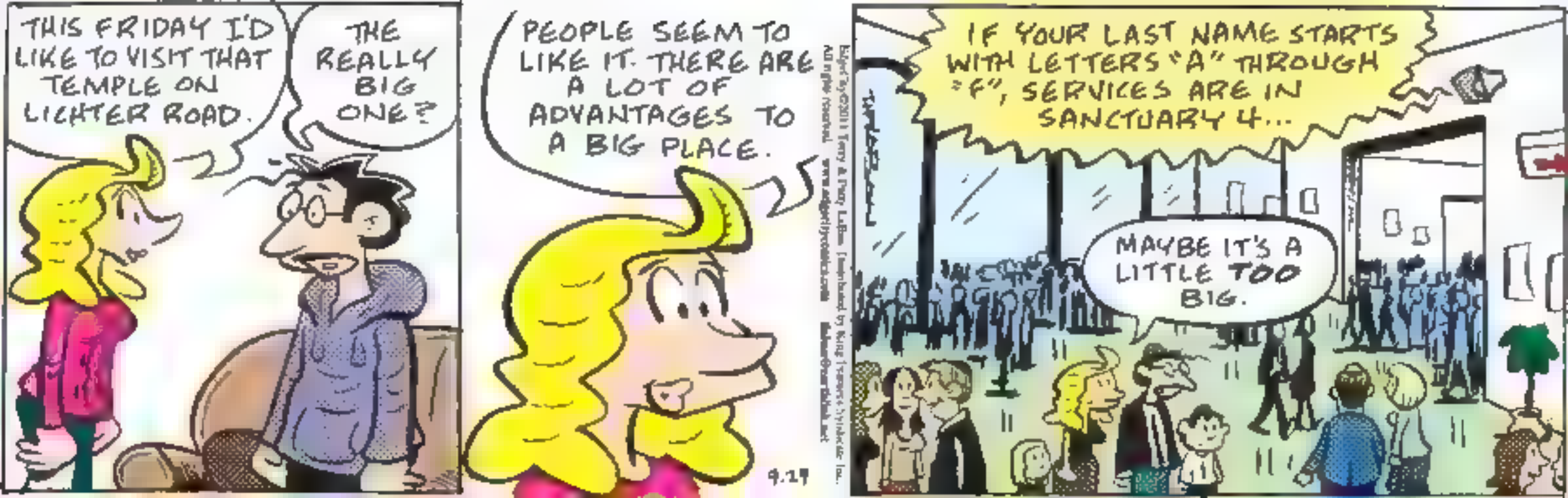

THAT COUPLE CAME IN A LONG TIME AFTER US. HOW COME THEY'RE GETTING SERVED SO QUICKLY?
ACTUALLY, SIR, THEY HAVE BEEN WAITING LONGER THAN YOU.

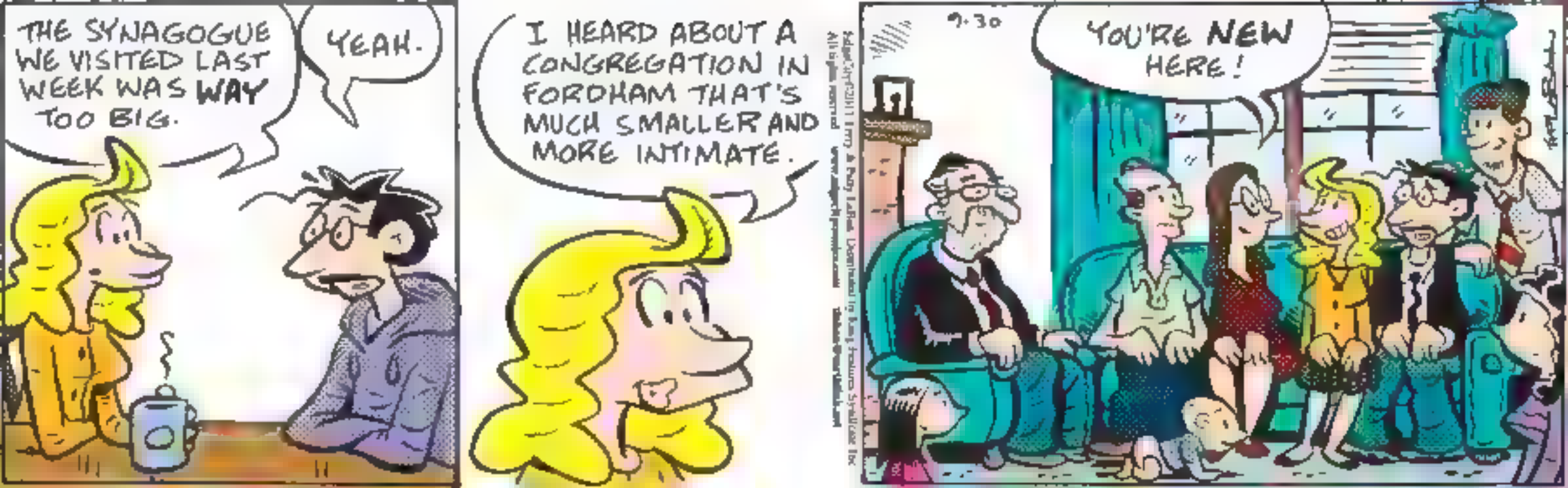

THEY DECIDED THAT INSTEAD OF JUST SITTING HERE, THEY MIGHT AS WELL GO CATCH A MOVIE.

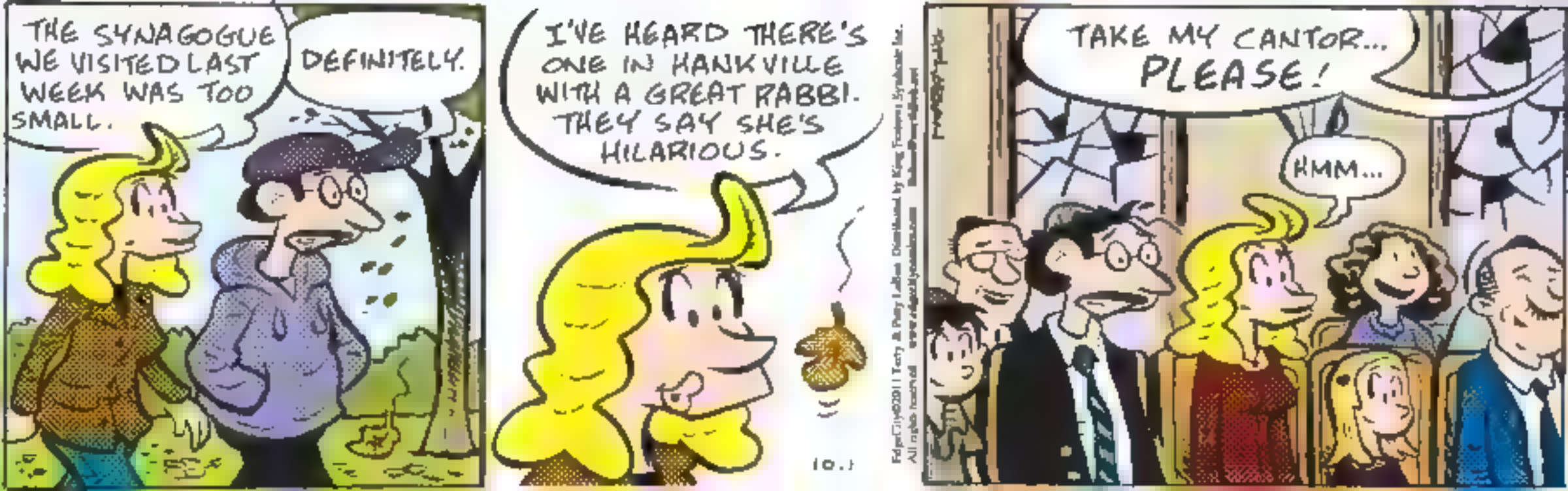

MY PARENTS ARE GOING TO FLORIDA FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS.
OH YEAH?
WE'VE ALWAYS GONE TO SYNAGOGUE TOGETHER. IT'S GOING TO FEEL DIFFERENT WITHOUT THEM.
IT'S TRUE.
9.26
I'VE GOTTEN SO USED TO YOUR DAD FALLING ASLEEP ON MY SHOULDER.
SERIOUSLY, LEN.

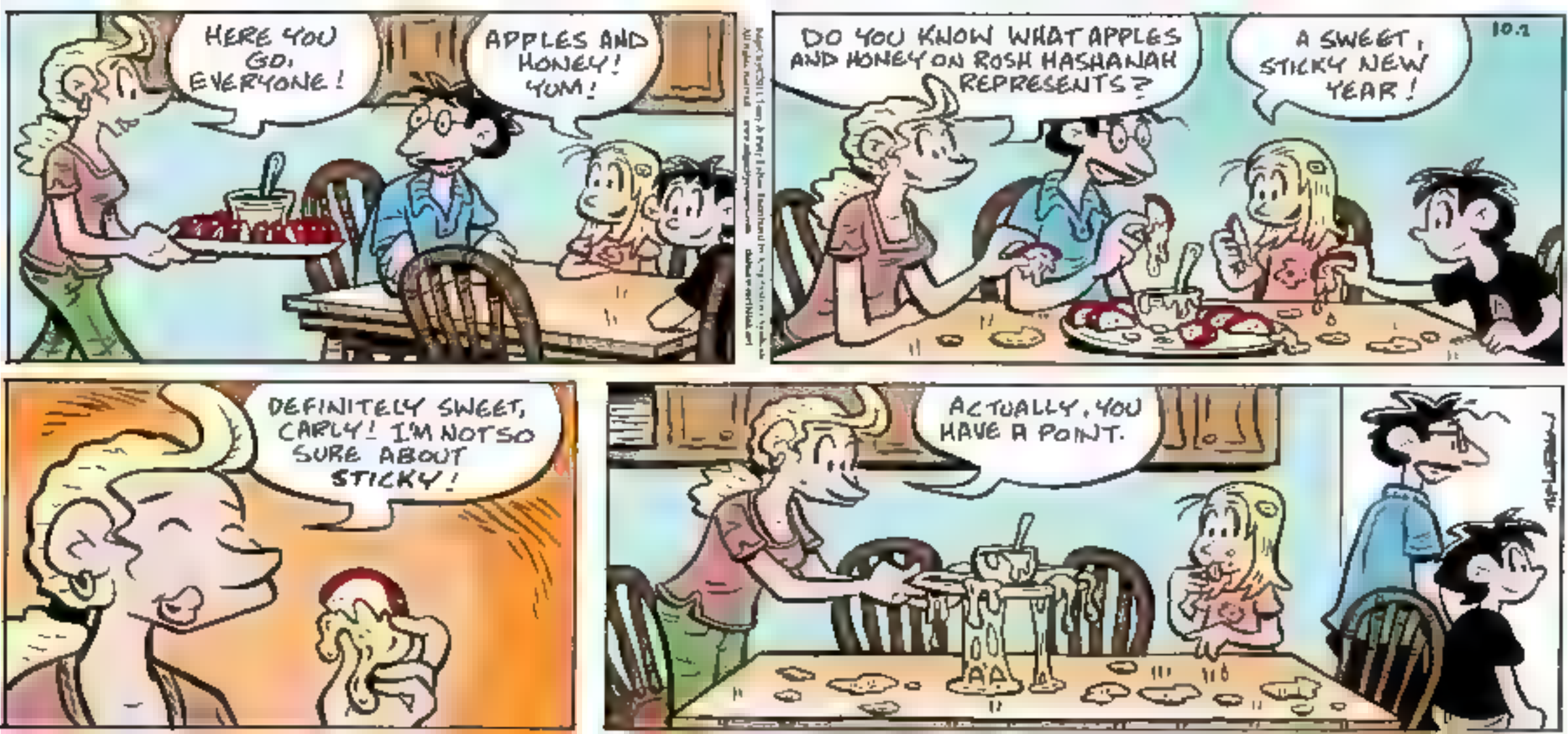

WE ALWAYS GO TO MY PARENTS' SYNAGOGUE FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS. BUT THEY'RE AWAY THIS YEAR.
THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO SEE IF ANOTHER SYNA-GOGUE MIGHT SUIT US BETTER.
9.27
WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SHOP AROUND A LITTLE?
YOU WANT TO GO SOME-WHERE DIFFERENT FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS?
WE COULD CHECK OUT THEIR REGULAR SERVICES FIRST.
YOU MEAN... GO EXTRA?

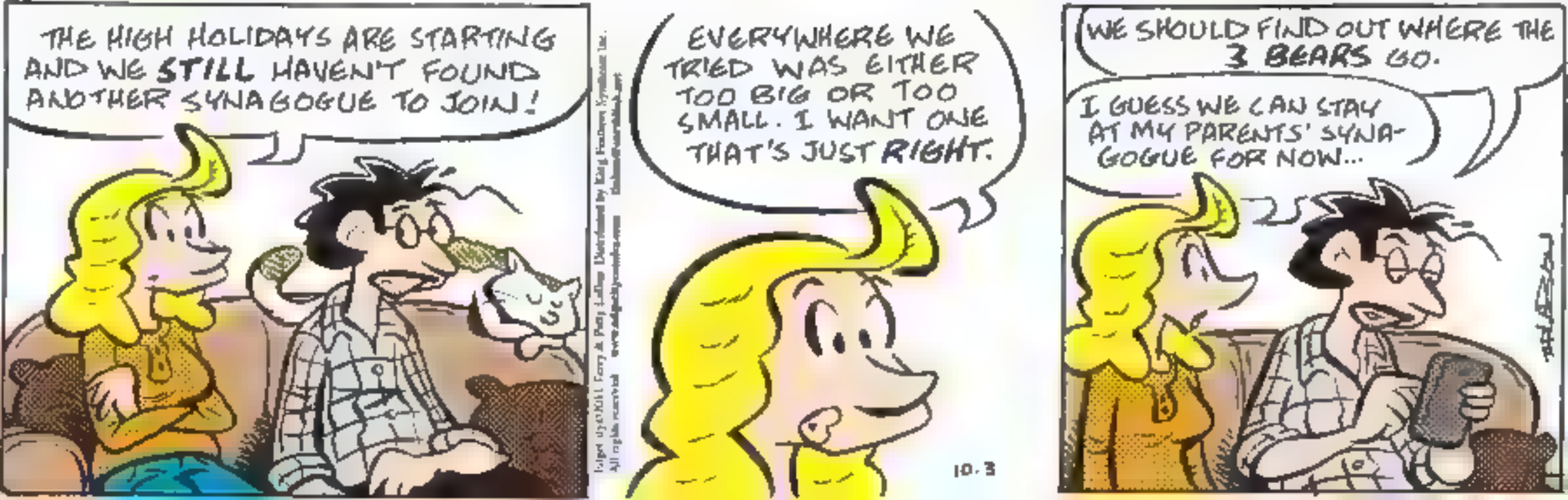

I THINK WE SHOULD CHECK OUT SOME OTHER SYNAGOGUES, LEN.
I DUNNO, ABBY... YOUR PARENTS' IS OK.
4.28
THE TRUTH IS, I ONLY GO ON THE HIGH HOLIDAYS ANYHOW.
MAYBE IF WE FOUND A PLACE WE LIKED BETTER, YOU'D GO MORE.
YOU'RE KIND OF MISSING MY POINT.
DO IT FOR ME, OK?

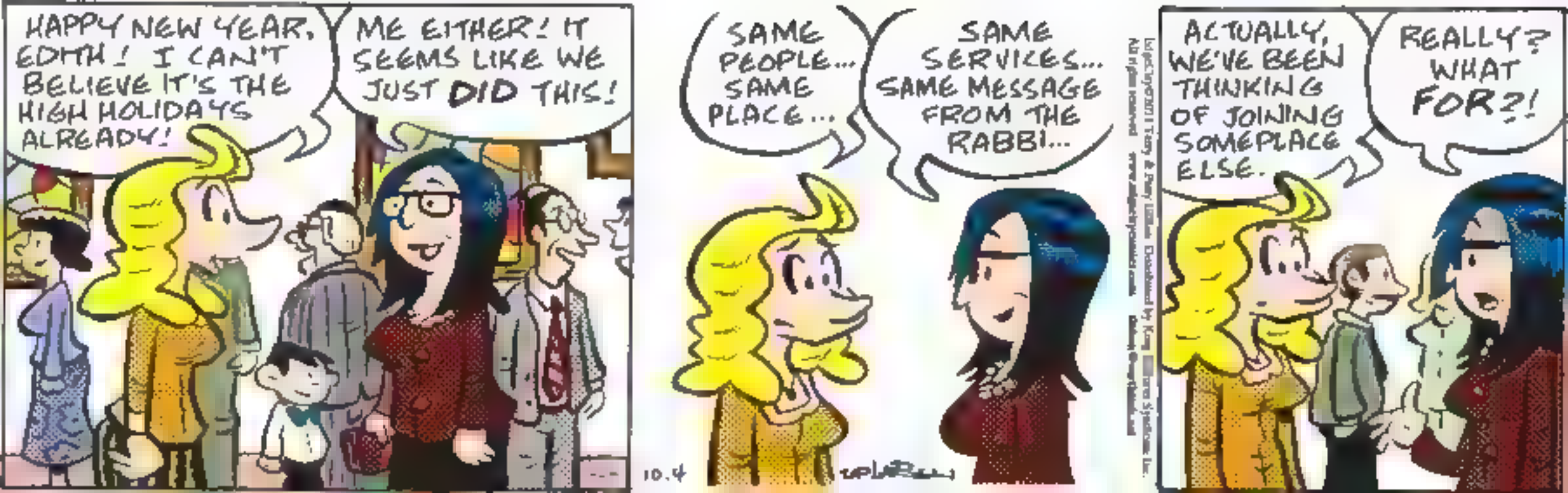

THIS FRIDAY I'D LIKE TO VISIT THAT TEMPLE ON LICHTER ROAD.
THE REALLY BIG ONE?
PEOPLE SEEM TO LIKE IT. THERE ARE A LOT OF ADVANTAGES TO A BIG PLACE.
9.19
IF YOUR LAST NAME STARTS WITH LETTERS "A" THROUGH "F", SERVICES ARE IN SANCTUARY 4...
MAYBE IT'S A LITTLE TOO BIG.


THE SYNAGOGUE WE VISITED LAST WEEK WAS WAY TOO BIG.
YEAH.
I HEARD ABOUT A CONGREGATION IN FORDHAM THAT'S MUCH SMALLER AND MORE INTIMATE.
9-30
YOU'RE NEW HERE!

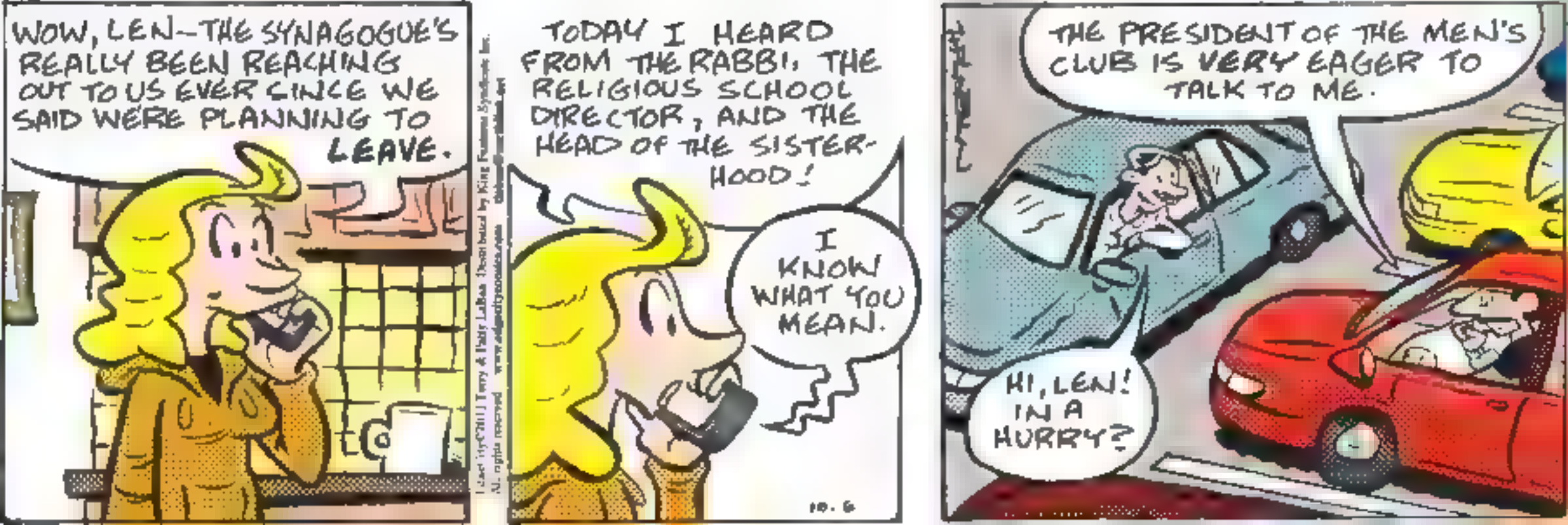

THE SYNAGOGUE WE VISITED LAST WEEK WAS TOO SMALL.
DEFINITELY.
I'VE HEARD THERE'S ONE IN HANKVILLE WITH A GREAT RABBI. THEY SAY SHE'S HILARIOUS.
10.)
TAKE MY CANTOR... PLEASE!
HMM...

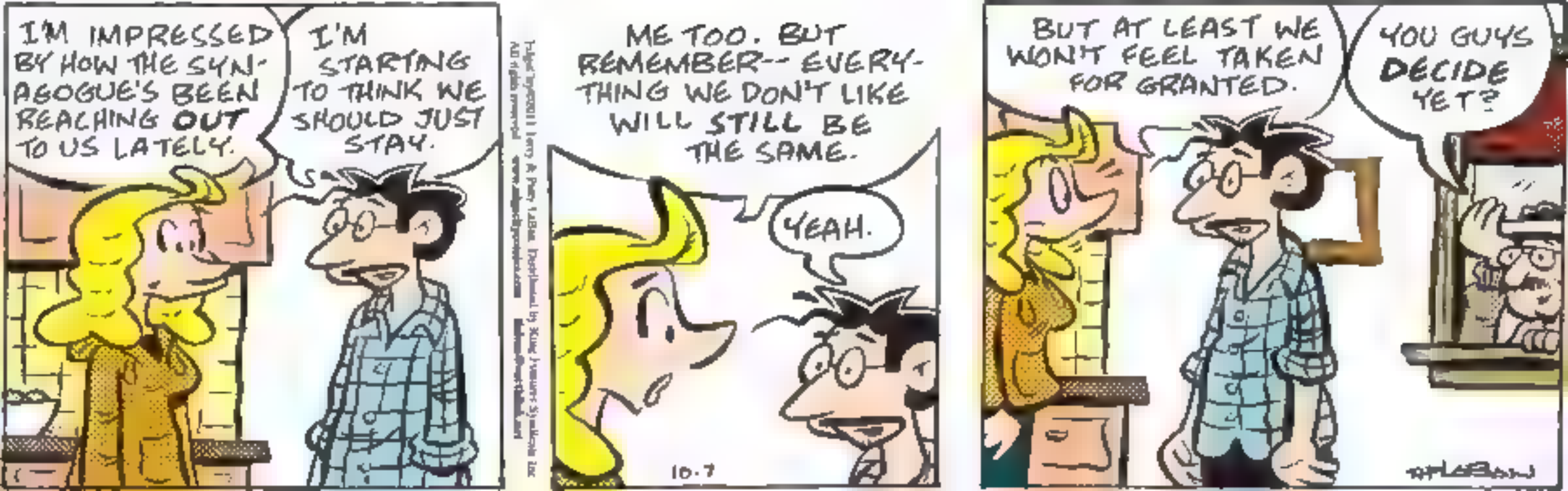

HERE YOU GO, EVERYONE!
APPLES AND HONEY! YUM!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT APPLES AND HONEY ON ROSH HASHANAH REPRESENTS?
A SWEET, STICKY NEW YEAR!
10.1
DEFINITELY SWEET, CARLY! I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT STICKY!
ACTUALLY, YOU HAVE A POINT.


THE HIGH HOLIDAYS ARE STARTING AND WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND ANOTHER SYNAGOGUE TO JOIN!
EVERYWHERE WE TRIED WAS EITHER TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL. I WANT ONE THAT'S JUST RIGHT.
10.3
WE SHOULD FIND OUT WHERE THE 3 BEARS GO.
I GUESS WE CAN STAY AT MY PARENTS' SYNAGOGUE FOR NOW...


HAPPY NEW YEAR, EDITH! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S THE HIGH HOLIDAYS ALREADY!
ME EITHER! IT SEEMS LIKE WE JUST DID THIS!
SAME PEOPLE... SAME PLACE...
SAME SERVICES... SAME MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI...
ACTUALLY, WE'VE BEEN THINKING OF JOINING SOMEPLACE ELSE.
REALLY? WHAT FOR?!
10.4

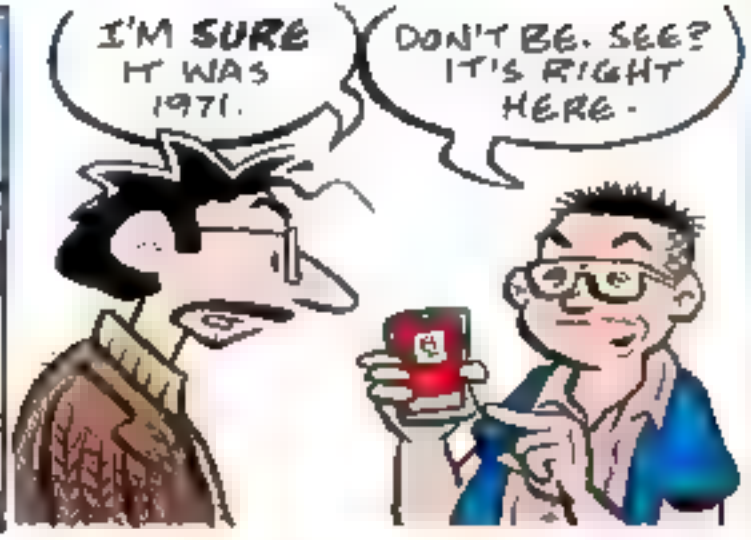

YOU GUYS ARE THINKING OF JOINING AN-OTHER SYN-AGOGUE?
YEAH... I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.
BUT ABBY, YOU GREW UP HERE! YOU'LL NEVER FIND THIS KIND OF COM-MUNITY SOMEWHERE ELSE!
10-5
OH, I DON'T KNOW...
HEY, EVERYONE! THE ARDINS NEED A GROUP HUG!

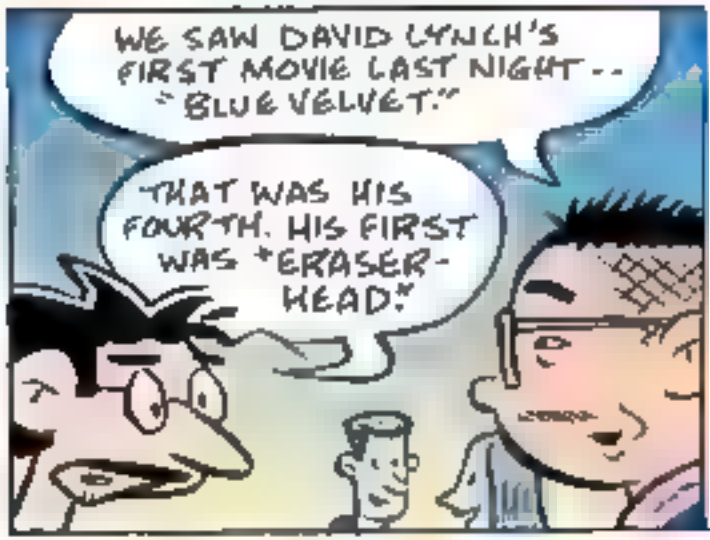

WOW, LEN--THE SYNAGOGUE'S REALLY BEEN REACHING OUT TO US EVER CINCE WE SAID WERE PLANNING TO LEAVE.
TODAY I HEARD FROM THE RABBI, THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR, AND THE HEAD OF THE SISTER-HOOD!
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
10. 6
THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEN'S CLUB IS VERY EAGER TO TALK TO ME.
HI, LEN! IN A HURRY?


I'M IMPRESSED BY HOW THE SYNAGOGUE'S BEEN REACHING OUT TO US LATELY.
I'M STARTING TO THINK WE SHOULD JUST STAY.
ME TOO. BUT REMEMBER-- EVERYTHING WE DON'T LIKE WILL STILL BE THE SAME.
YEAH.
10-7
BUT AT LEAST WE WON'T FEEL TAKEN FOR GRANTED.
YOU GUYS DECIDE YET?


ABBY, I HEARD YOU GUYS WERE LEAVING THE SYNAGOGUE.
ACTUALLY, WE'VE DECIDED TO STAY.
WHY'D YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?
WELL, WE REALIZED WE DO HAVE A GREAT COMMUNITY HERE.
ANYHOW, WHAT YOU GET OUT OF A PLACE DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU PUT INTO IT.
WONDERFUL! Y'KNOW, WE COULD USE YOU ON THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
I'D LOVE TO, BUT I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME.
10-8


I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW POPULAR THE BEATLES STILL ARE. THEY BROKE UP IN 1971!
1970.

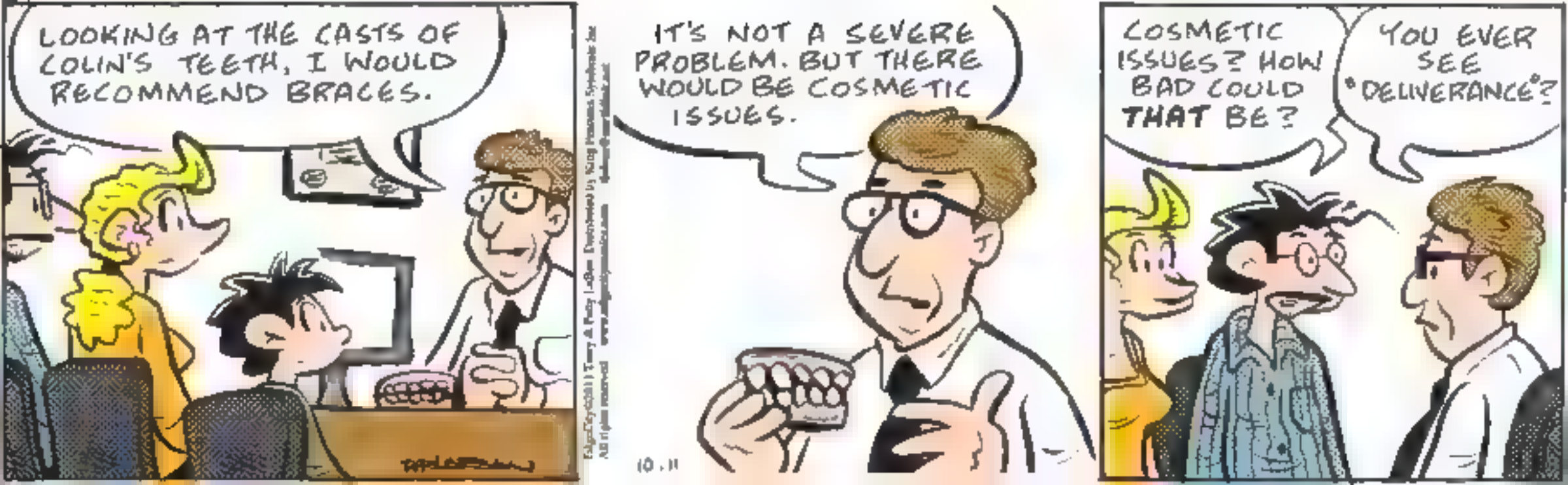

I'M SURE IT WAS 1971.
DON'T BE. SEE? IT'S RIGHT HERE.

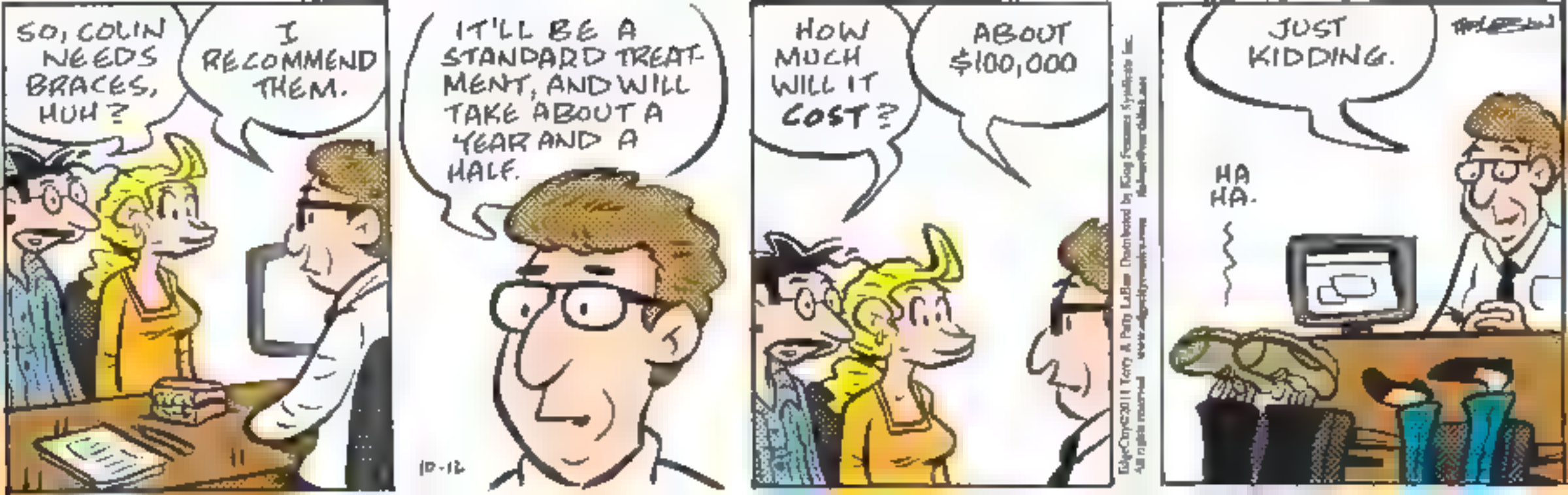

WE SAW DAVID LYNCH'S FIRST MOVIE LAST NIGHT -- "BLUE VELVET."
THAT WAS HIS FOURTH. HIS FIRST WAS "ERASER-HEAD."

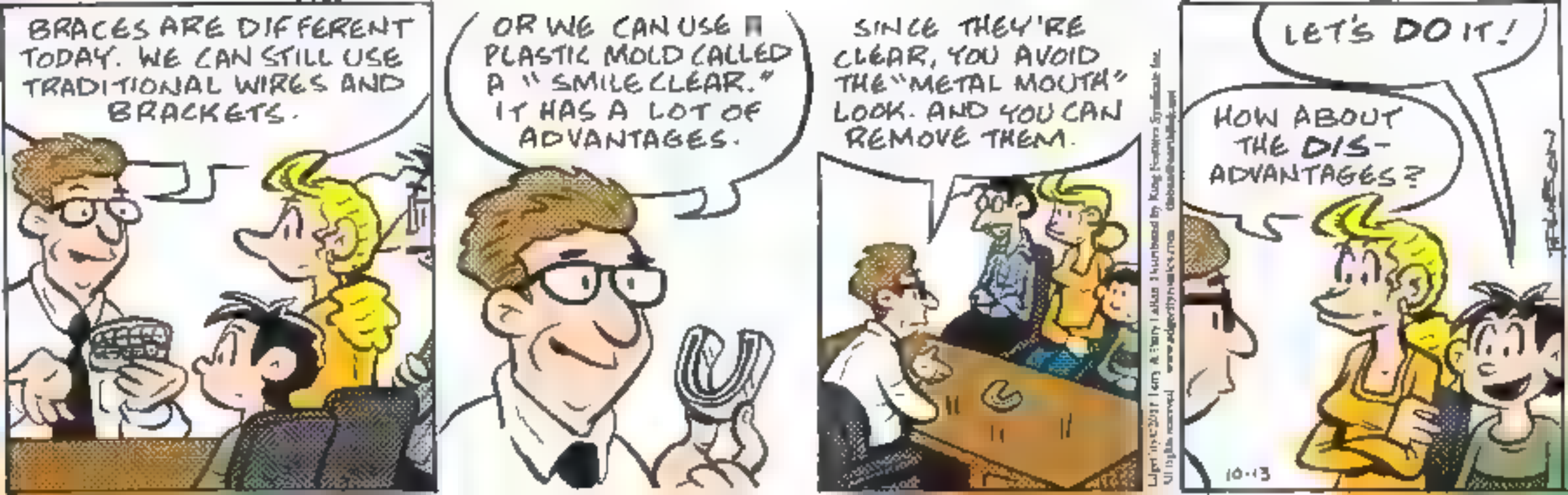

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"ERASERHEAD"?! I'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT!
YOU'RE STILL WRONG. LOOK HERE!

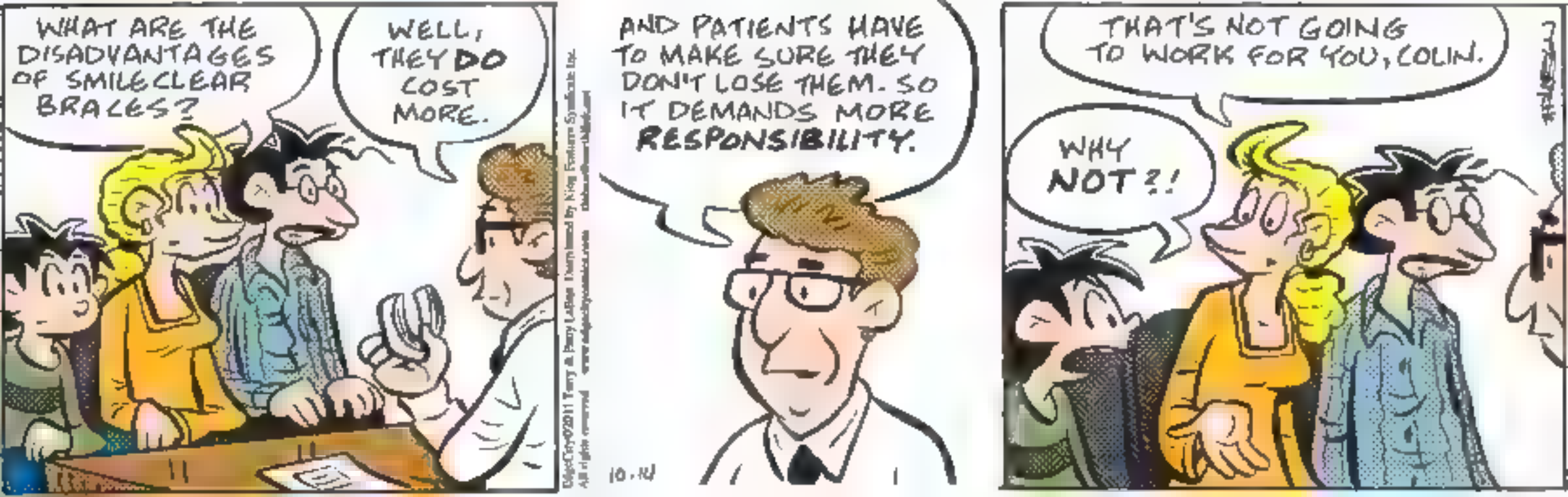

WHAT MALLS DID TO MAIN STREETS AND AIR CONDITIONING DID TO FRONT PORCHES, SMARTPHONES HAVE DONE TO ARGUMENTS.
DRAGAN

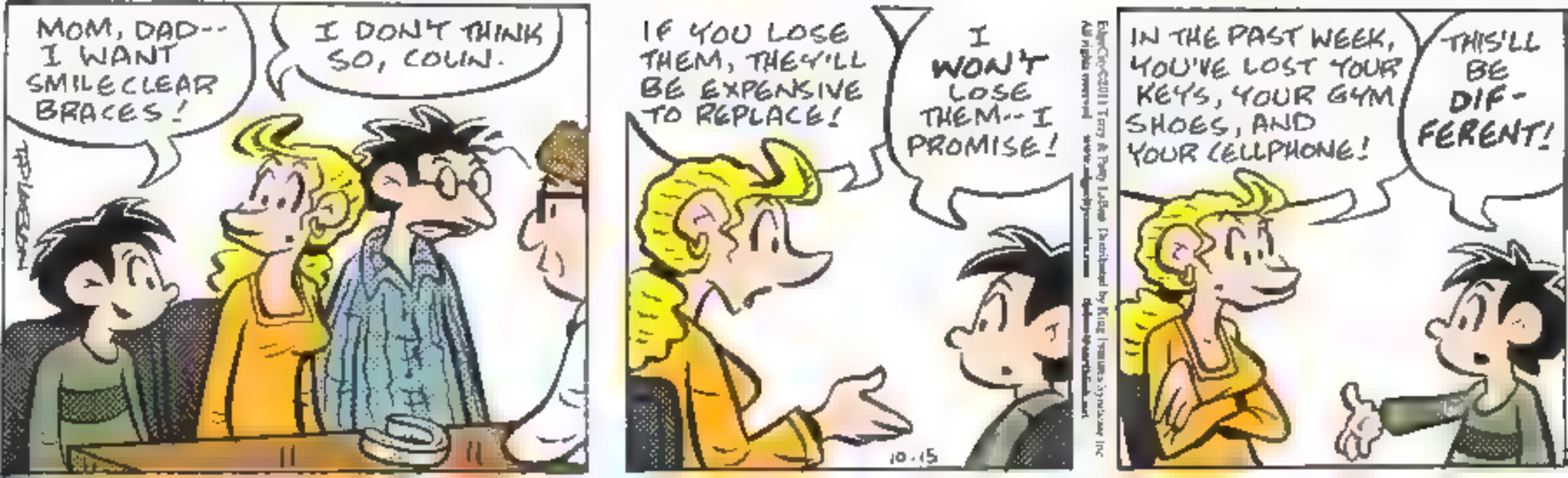

THE DENTIST SAYS COLIN MIGHT NEED BRACES.
BRACES? OH, MAN.
TIME PASSES SO FAST. IT SEEMS LIKE JUST YESTERDAY I WAS GETTING MY BRACES.
THANK GOODNESS I DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THAT AGAIN.
YOU'RE NOT BEING HELPFUL.
10.10

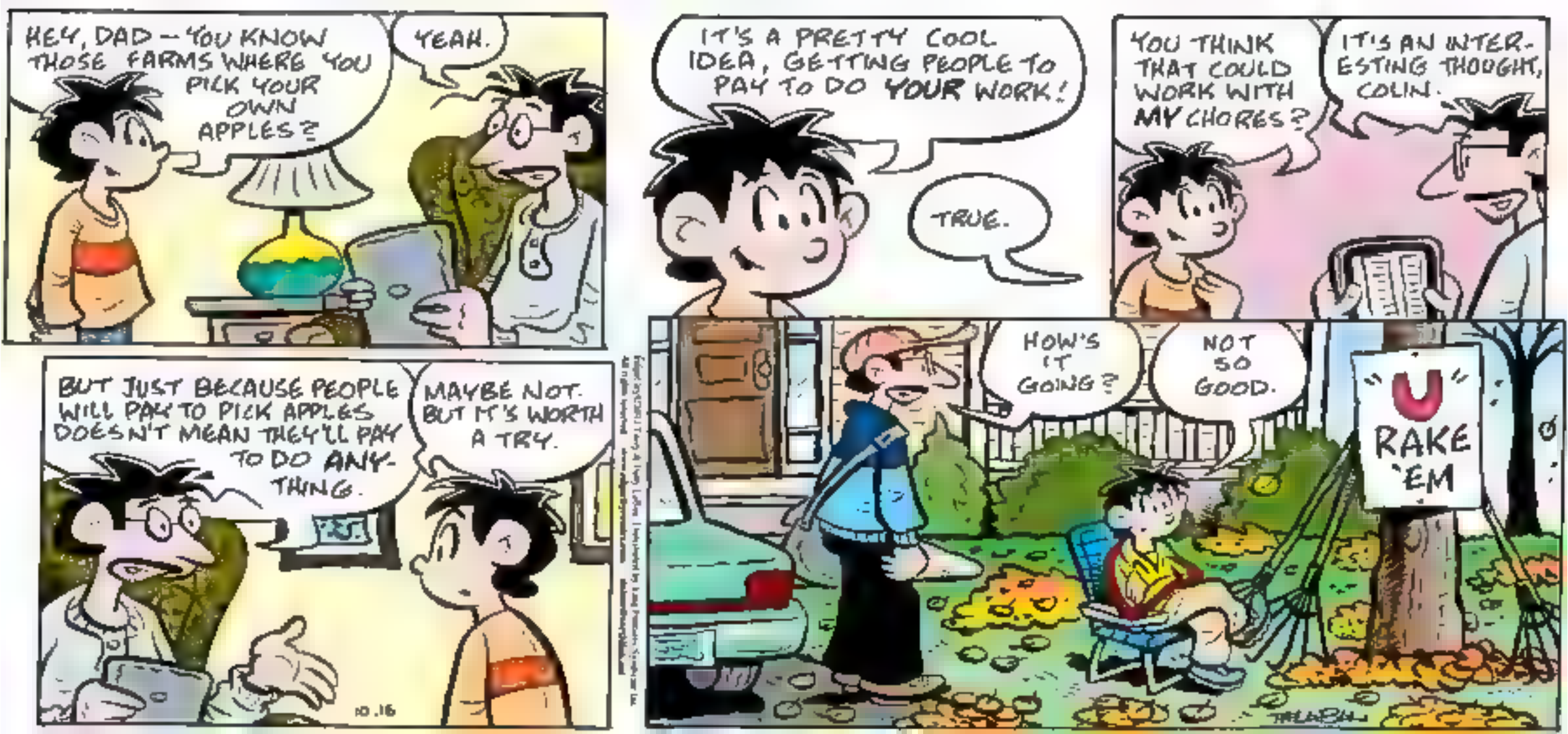

LOOKING AT THE CASTS OF COLIN'S TEETH, I WOULD RECOMMEND BRACES.
IT'S NOT A SEVERE PROBLEM. BUT THERE WOULD BE COSMETIC ISSUES.
10.11
COSMETIC ISSUES? HOW BAD COULD THAT BE?
YOU EVER SEE "DELIVERANCE"?

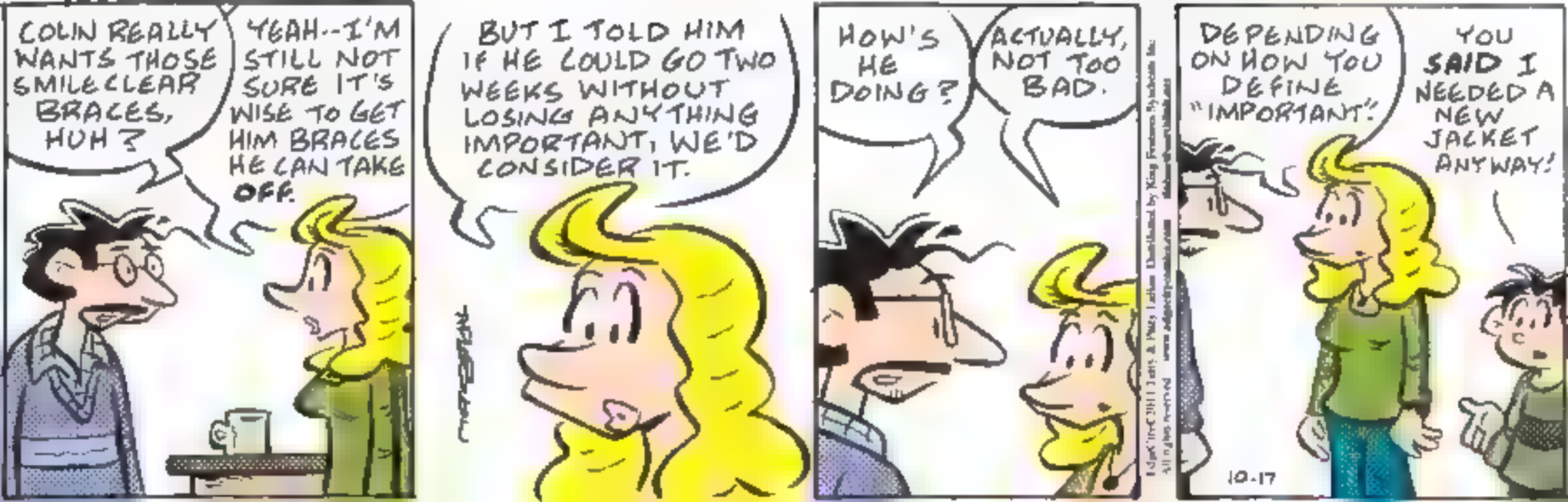

SO, COLIN NEEDS BRACES, HUH?
I RECOMMEND THEM.
IT'LL BE A STANDARD TREATMENT, AND WILL TAKE ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF.
10-12
HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?
ABOUT $100,000
JUST KIDDING.
HA HA.

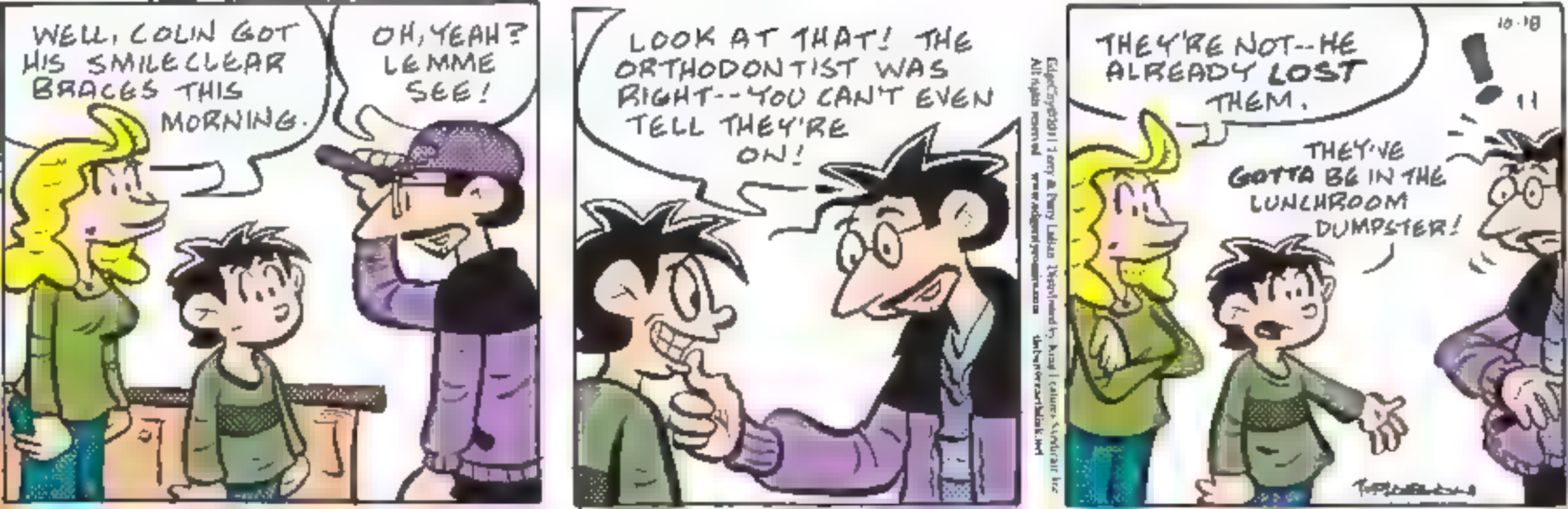

BRACES ARE DIFFERENT TODAY. WE CAN STILL USE TRADITIONAL WIRES AND BRACKETS.
OR WE CAN USE A PLASTIC MOLD CALLED A "SMILE CLEAR." IT HAS A LOT OF ADVANTAGES.
SINCE THEY'RE CLEAR, YOU AVOID THE "METAL MOUTH" LOOK. AND YOU CAN REMOVE THEM.
LET'S DO IT!
HOW ABOUT THE DIS-ADVANTAGES?
10-13

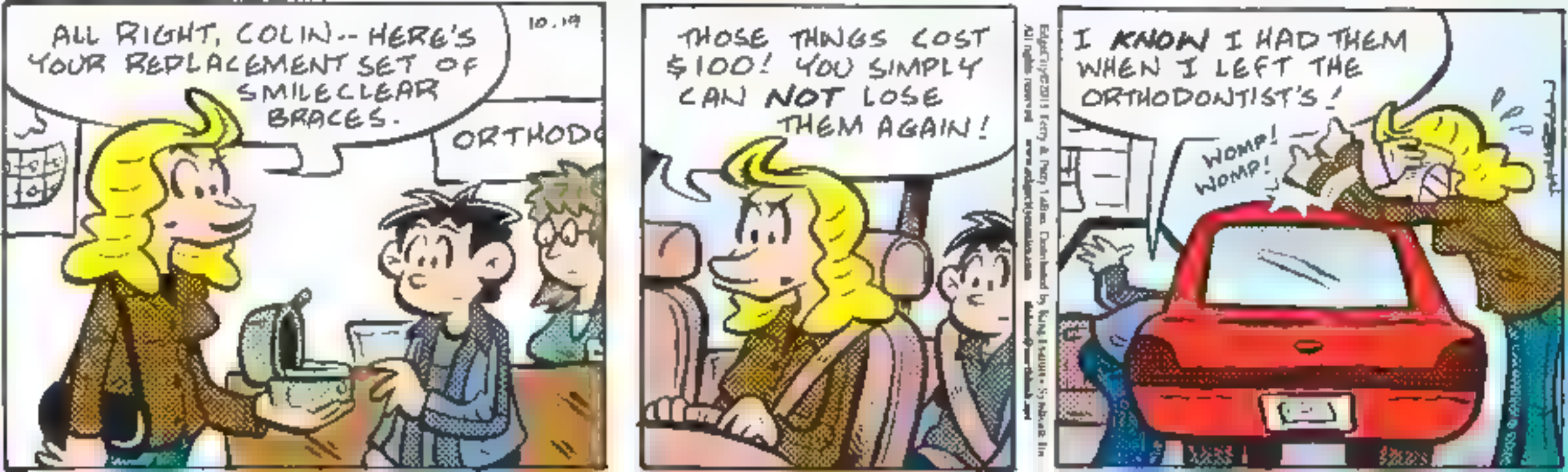

WHAT ARE THE DISADVANTAGES OF SMILECLEAR BRACES?
WELL, THEY DO COST MORE.
AND PATIENTS HAVE TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T LOSE THEM. SO IT DEMANDS MORE RESPONSIBILITY.
THAT'S NOT GOING TO WORK FOR YOU, COLIN.
WHY NOT?!
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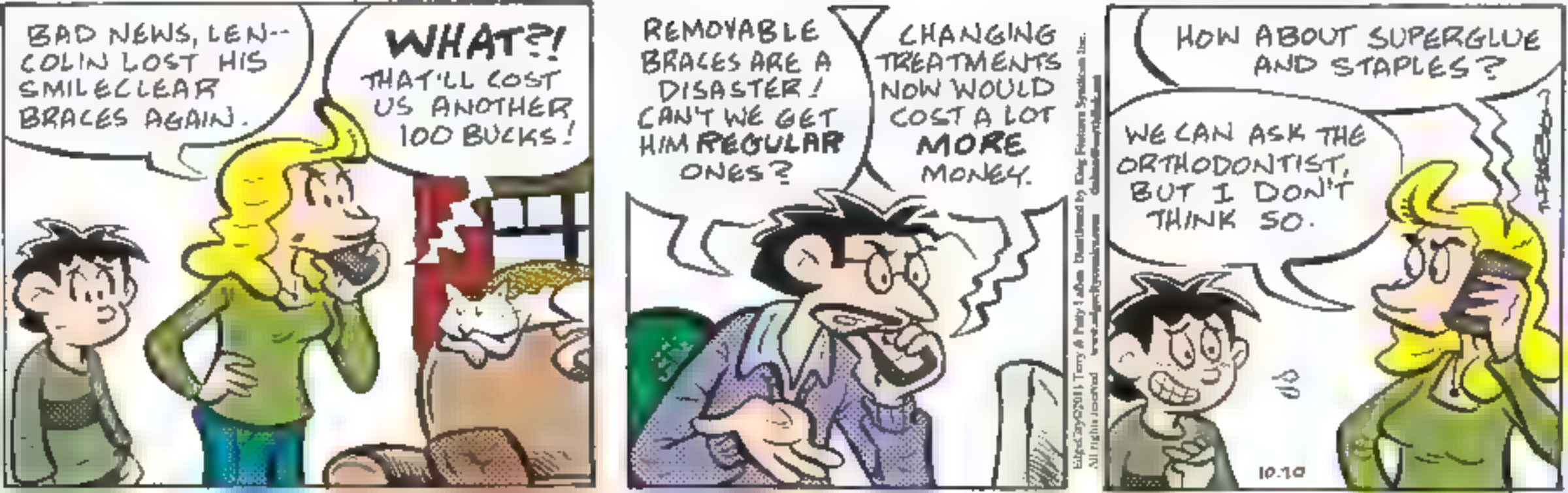

MOM, DAD-- I WANT SMILECLEAR BRACES!
I DON'T THINK SO, COLIN.
IF YOU LOSE THEM, THEY'LL BE EXPENSIVE TO REPLACE!
I WON'T LOSE THEM-- I PROMISE!
10-15
IN THE PAST WEEK, YOU'VE LOST YOUR KEYS, YOUR GYM SHOES, AND YOUR CELLPHONE!
THIS'LL BE DIF-FERENT!


HEY, DAD — YOU KNOW THOSE FARMS WHERE YOU PICK YOUR OWN APPLES?
YEAH.
BUT JUST BECAUSE PEOPLE WILL PAY TO PICK APPLES DOESN'T MEAN THEY'LL PAY TO DO ANY-THING.
MAYBE NOT. BUT IT'S WORTH A TRY.
10.16
IT'S A PRETTY COOL IDEA, GETTING PEOPLE TO PAY TO DO YOUR WORK!
TRUE.
YOU THINK THAT COULD WORK WITH MY CHORES?
IT'S AN INTER-ESTING THOUGHT, COLIN.
HOW'S IT GOING?
NOT SO GOOD.
RAKE 'EM

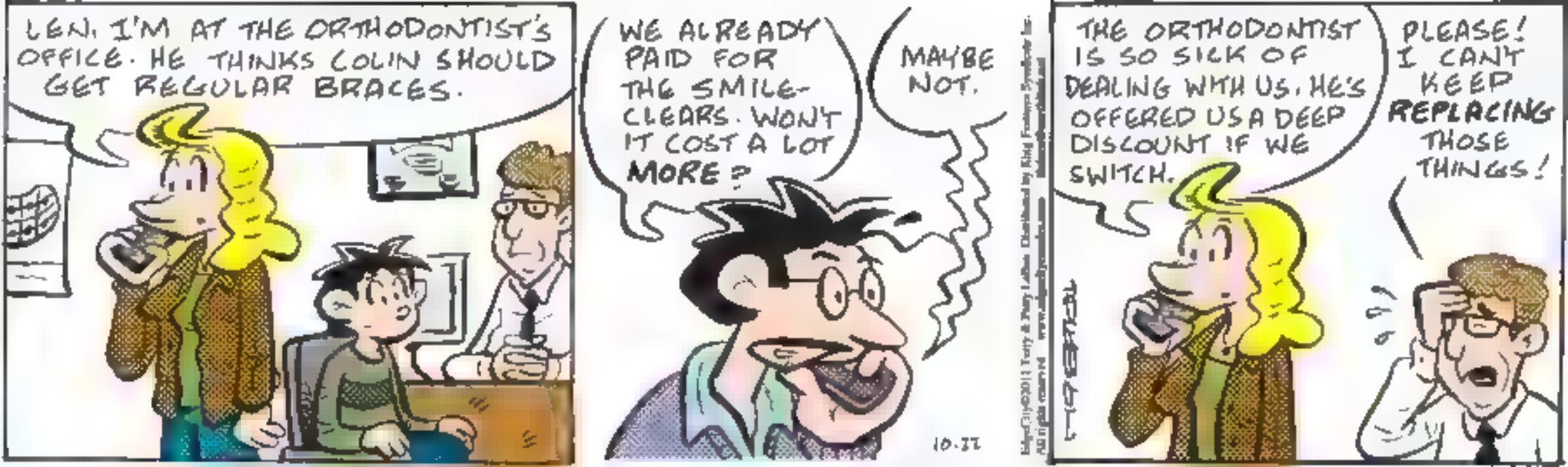

COLIN REALLY WANTS THOSE SMILECLEAR BRACES, HUH?
YEAH--I'M STILL NOT SURE IT'S WISE TO GET HIM BRACES HE CAN TAKE OFF.
BUT I TOLD HIM IF HE COULD GO TWO WEEKS WITHOUT LOSING ANYTHING IMPORTANT, WE'D CONSIDER IT.
HOW'S HE DOING?
ACTUALLY, NOT TOO BAD.
DEPENDING ON HOW YOU DEFINE "IMPORTANT".
YOU SAID I NEEDED A NEW JACKET ANYWAY!
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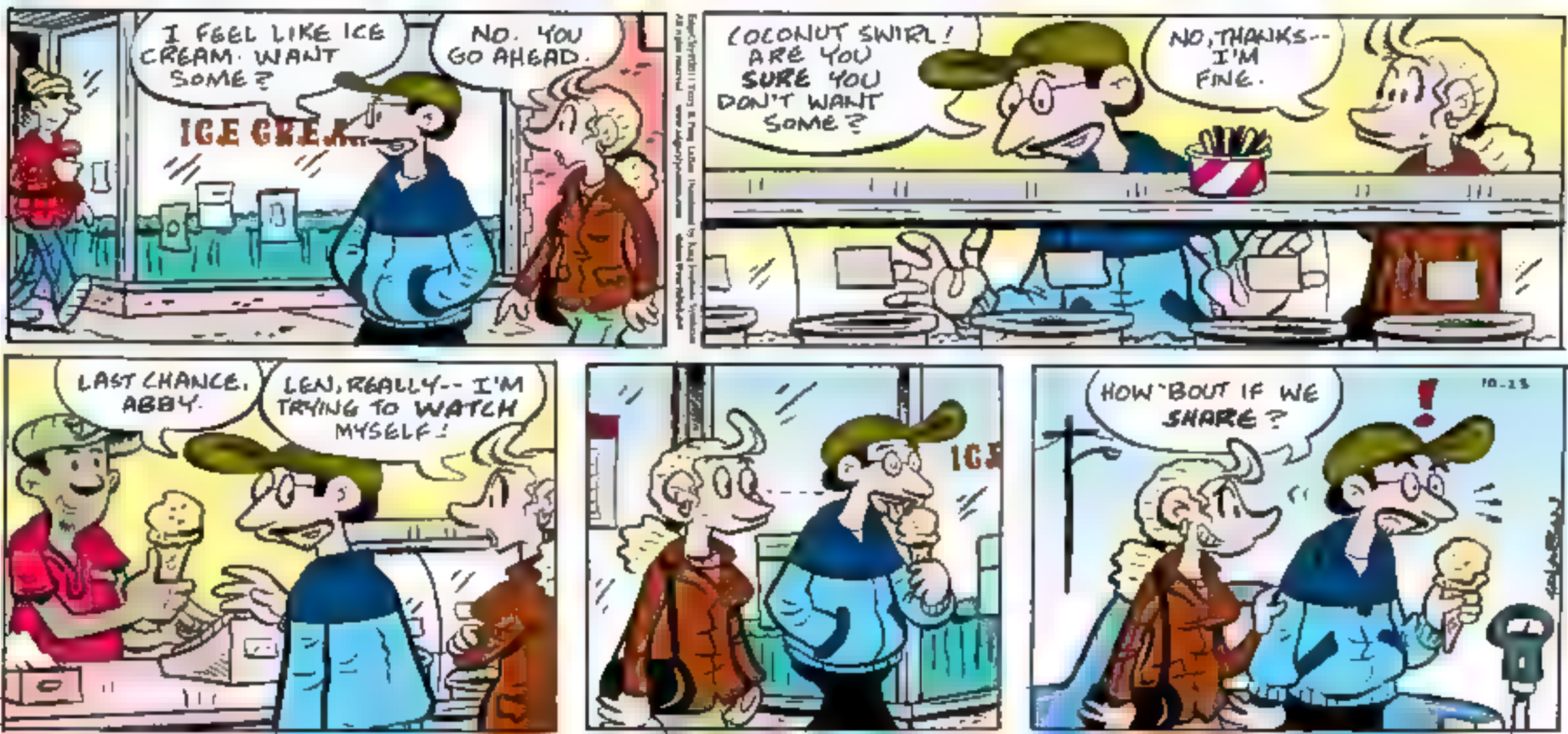

WELL, COLIN GOT HIS SMILECLEAR BRACES THIS MORNING.
OH, YEAH? LEMME SEE!
LOOK AT THAT! THE ORTHODONTIST WAS RIGHT--YOU CAN'T EVEN TELL THEY'RE ON!
THEY'RE NOT--HE ALREADY LOST THEM.
THEY'VE GOTTA BE IN THE LUNCHROOM DUMPSTER!
10-18
11


ALL RIGHT, COLIN-- HERE'S YOUR REPLACEMENT SET OF SMILECLEAR BRACES.
10.19
ORTHOD
THOSE THINGS COST $100! YOU SIMPLY CAN NOT LOSE THEM AGAIN!
I KNOW I HAD THEM WHEN I LEFT THE ORTHODONTIST'S!
WOMP! WOMP!

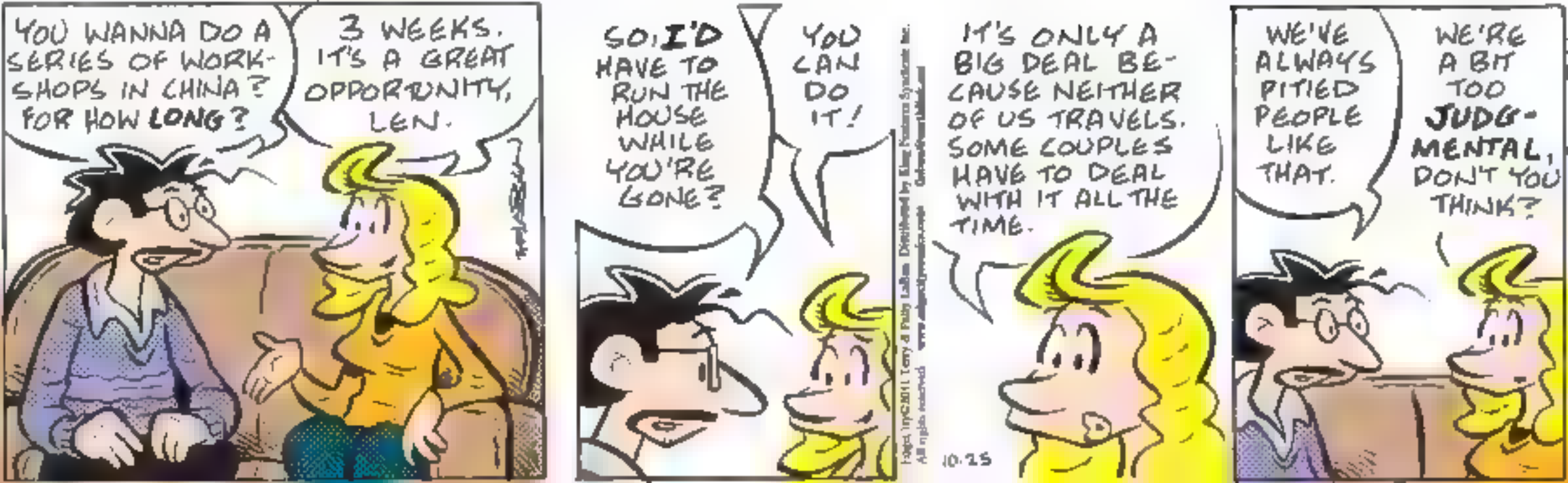

BAD NEWS, LEN-- COLIN LOST HIS SMILECLEAR BRACES AGAIN.
WHAT?! THAT'LL COST US ANOTHER 100 BUCKS!
REMOVABLE BRACES ARE A DISASTER! CAN'T WE GET HIM REGULAR ONES?
CHANGING TREATMENTS NOW WOULD COST A LOT MORE MONEY.
HOW ABOUT SUPERGLUE AND STAPLES?
WE CAN ASK THE ORTHODONTIST, BUT I DON'T THINK SO.
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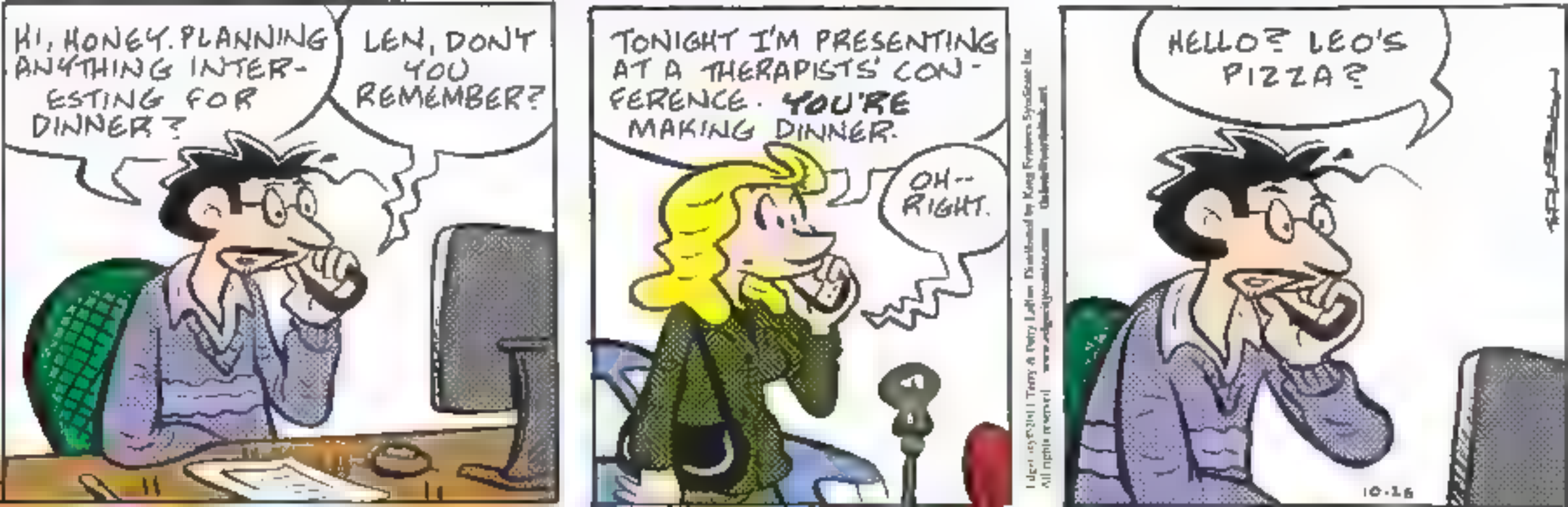

COLIN KEEPS LOSING HIS SMILECLEAR BRACES--AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO CHANGE HIS TREATMENT.
SO I WAS THINKING-- Y'KNOW THOSE RUBBER STRAPS PEOPLE PUT ON THEIR EYEGLASSES?
TA DA!
HMM... IT COULD WORK.
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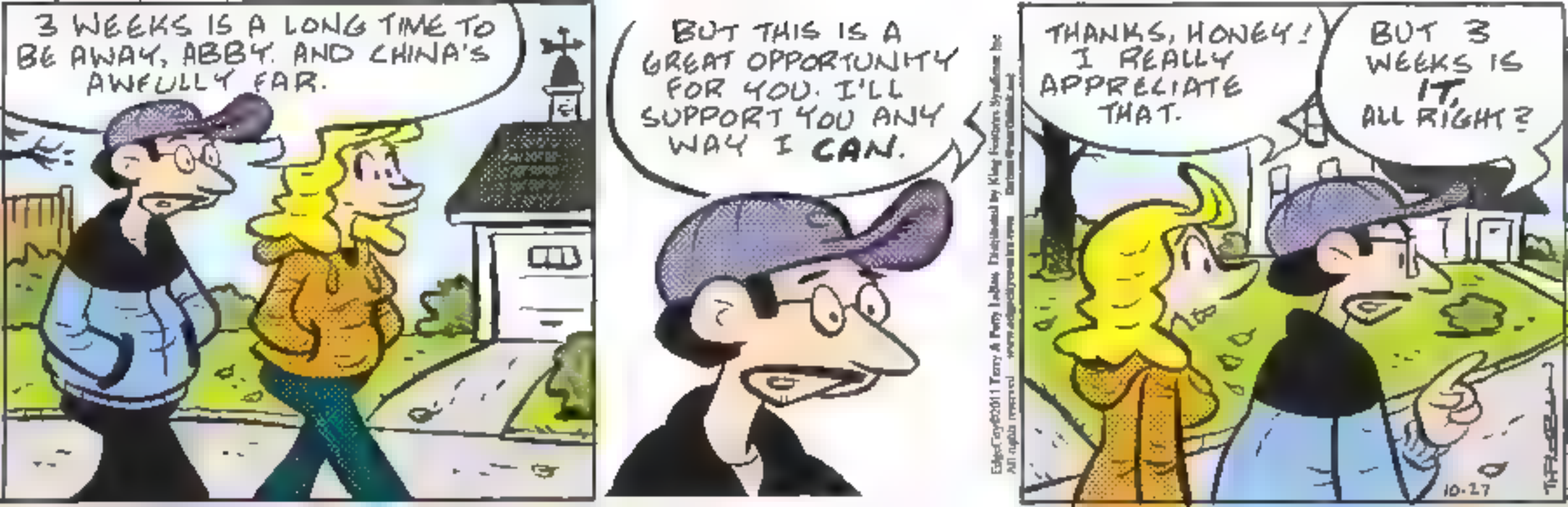

LEN, I'M AT THE ORTHODONTIST'S OFFICE. HE THINKS COLIN SHOULD GET REGULAR BRACES.
WE ALREADY PAID FOR THE SMILE-CLEARS. WON'T IT COST A LOT MORE?
MAYBE NOT.
10-12
THE ORTHODONTIST IS SO SICK OF DEALING WITH US, HE'S OFFERED US A DEEP DISCOUNT IF WE SWITCH.
PLEASE! I CAN'T KEEP REPLACING THOSE THINGS!
TERRY


I FEEL LIKE ICE CREAM. WANT SOME?
NO. YOU GO AHEAD.
ICE CREA
COCONUT SWIRL! ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT SOME?
NO, THANKS-- I'M FINE.
LAST CHANCE, ABBY.
LEN, REALLY-- I'M TRYING TO WATCH MYSELF!
ICE
HOW 'BOUT IF WE SHARE?
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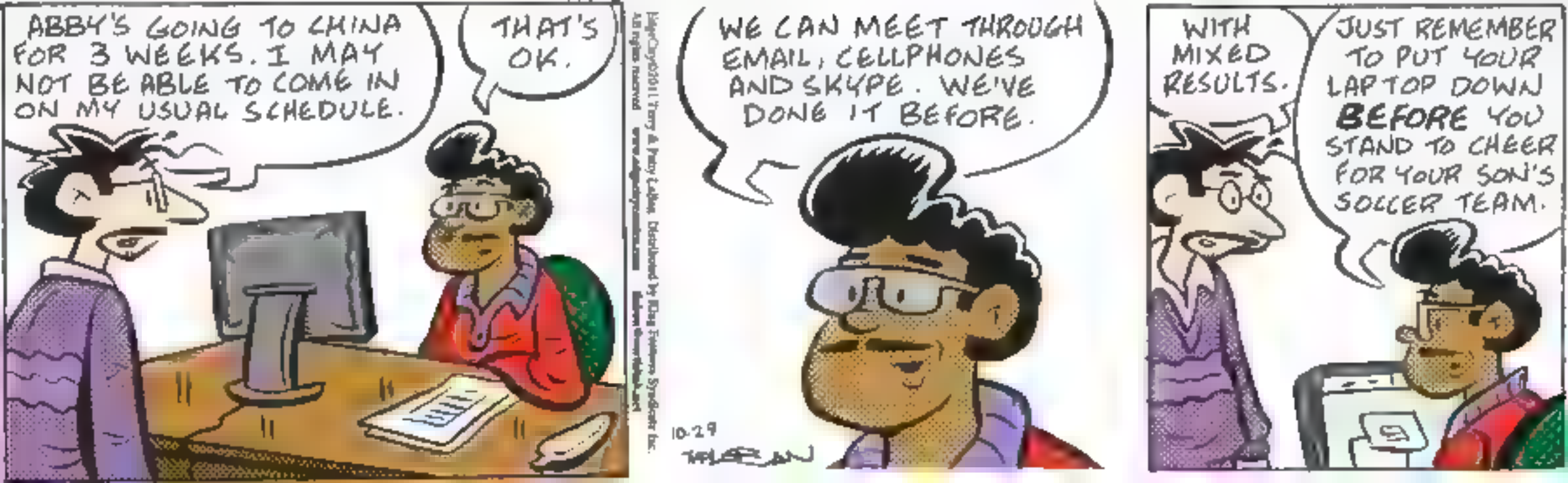

HI, HONEY! HOW'D YOUR PRESENTATION GO?
REALLY WELL!
SOME PEOPLE FROM A BIG CORPORATION WANT TO HIRE ME TO DO A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS!
IT INVOLVES SOME TRAVEL, BUT IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.
WHERE ARE THEY LOCATED?
SHANGHAI.
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10-24

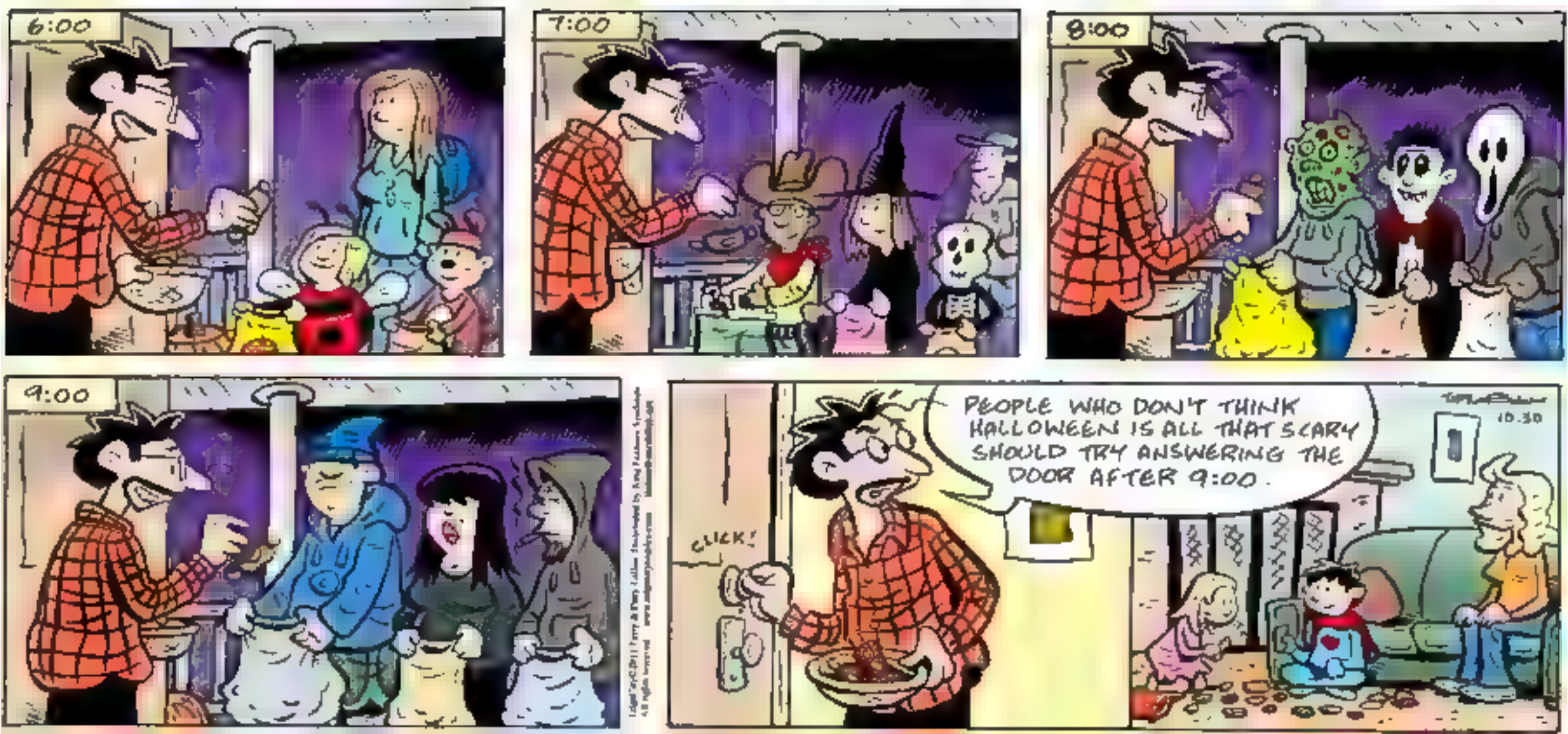

YOU WANNA DO A SERIES OF WORK-SHOPS IN CHINA? FOR HOW LONG?
3 WEEKS. IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY, LEN.
SO, I'D HAVE TO RUN THE HOUSE WHILE YOU'RE GONE?
YOU CAN DO IT!
IT'S ONLY A BIG DEAL BE-CAUSE NEITHER OF US TRAVELS. SOME COUPLES HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT ALL THE TIME.
WE'VE ALWAYS PITIED PEOPLE LIKE THAT.
WE'RE A BIT TOO JUDG-MENTAL, DON'T YOU THINK?
10-25


HI, HONEY. PLANNING ANYTHING INTERESTING FOR DINNER?
LEN, DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
TONIGHT I'M PRESENTING AT A THERAPISTS' CONFERENCE. YOU'RE MAKING DINNER.
OH-- RIGHT.
HELLO? LEO'S PIZZA?
10-26

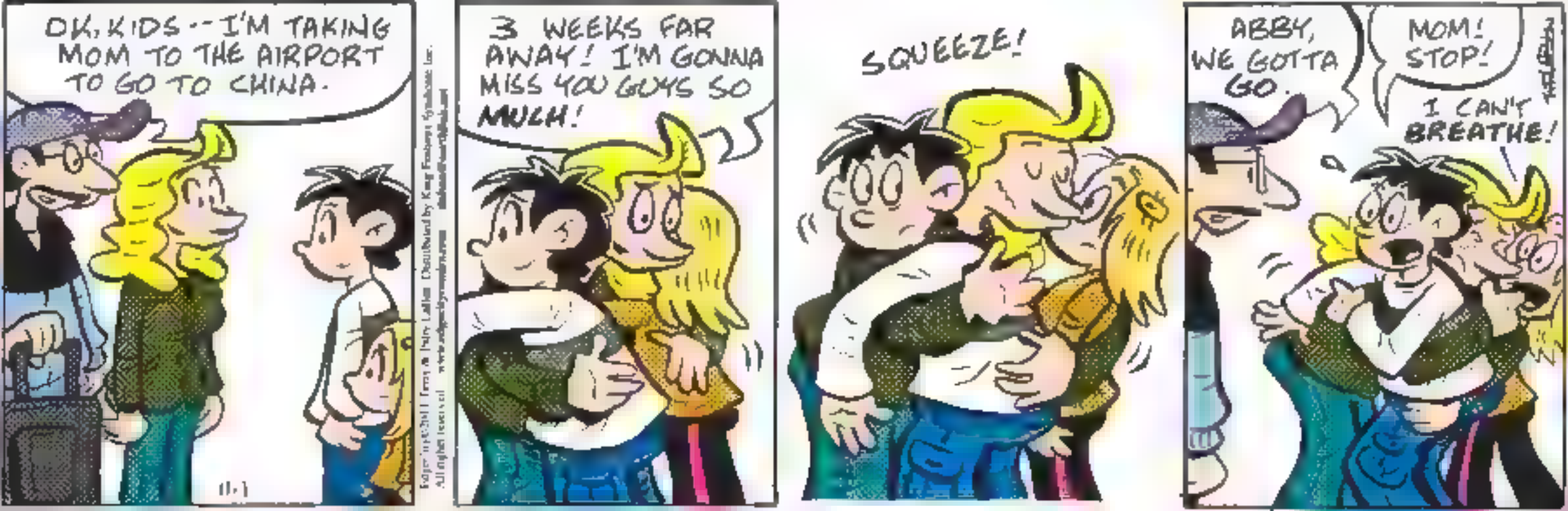

3 WEEKS IS A LONG TIME TO BE AWAY, ABBY. AND CHINA'S AWFULLY FAR.
BUT THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU. I'LL SUPPORT YOU ANY WAY I CAN.
THANKS, HONEY! I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.
BUT 3 WEEKS IS IT, ALL RIGHT?
10-27

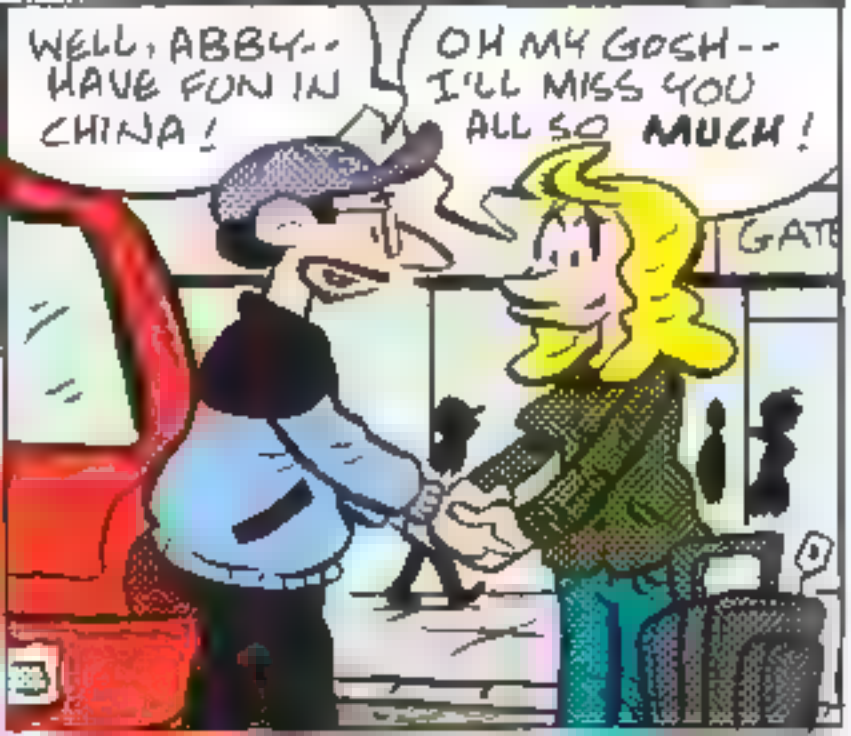

KIDS, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU... I'VE BEEN ASKED TO DO A WORKSHOP IN CHINA.
I'LL BE AWAY 3 WEEKS. DAD'LL BE TAKING CARE OF THINGS, SO YOU'LL NEED TO HELP HIM OUT.
ANY QUESTIONS?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BUY US?
I'M NOT SURE. ANY-THING ELSE?
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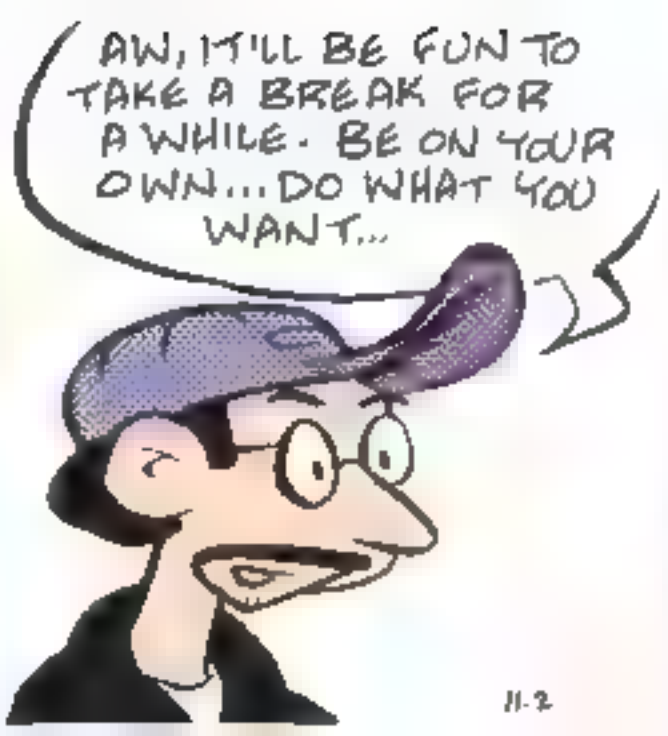

ABBY'S GOING TO CHINA FOR 3 WEEKS. I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COME IN ON MY USUAL SCHEDULE.
THAT'S OK.
WE CAN MEET THROUGH EMAIL, CELLPHONES AND SKYPE. WE'VE DONE IT BEFORE.
10-29
WITH MIXED RESULTS.
JUST REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR LAPTOP DOWN BEFORE YOU STAND TO CHEER FOR YOUR SON'S SOCCER TEAM.


6:00
7:00
8:00
9:00
PEOPLE WHO DON'T THINK HALLOWEEN IS ALL THAT SCARY SHOULD TRY ANSWERING THE DOOR AFTER 9:00.
CLICK!
10.30

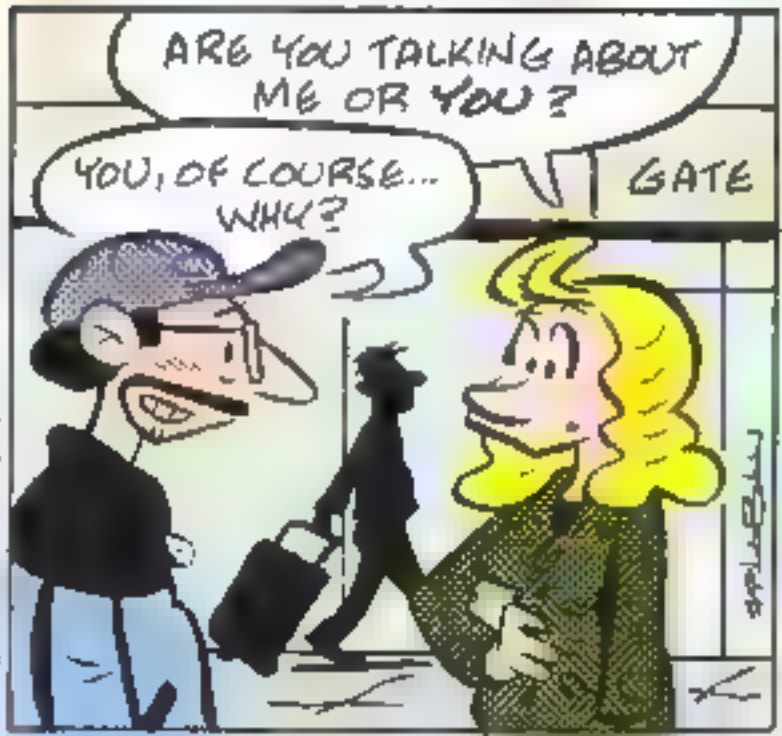

I'M PRINTING OUT INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOU WHILE I'M AWAY.
WHIRR!
HERE'S A LIST OF THE KIDS' ACTIVITIES... GROCERIES I BUY... VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS...
WHIRR!
10.31
AM I FORGETTING ANYTHING?
HOW CAN YOU REMEMBER IT IN THE FIRST PLACE?

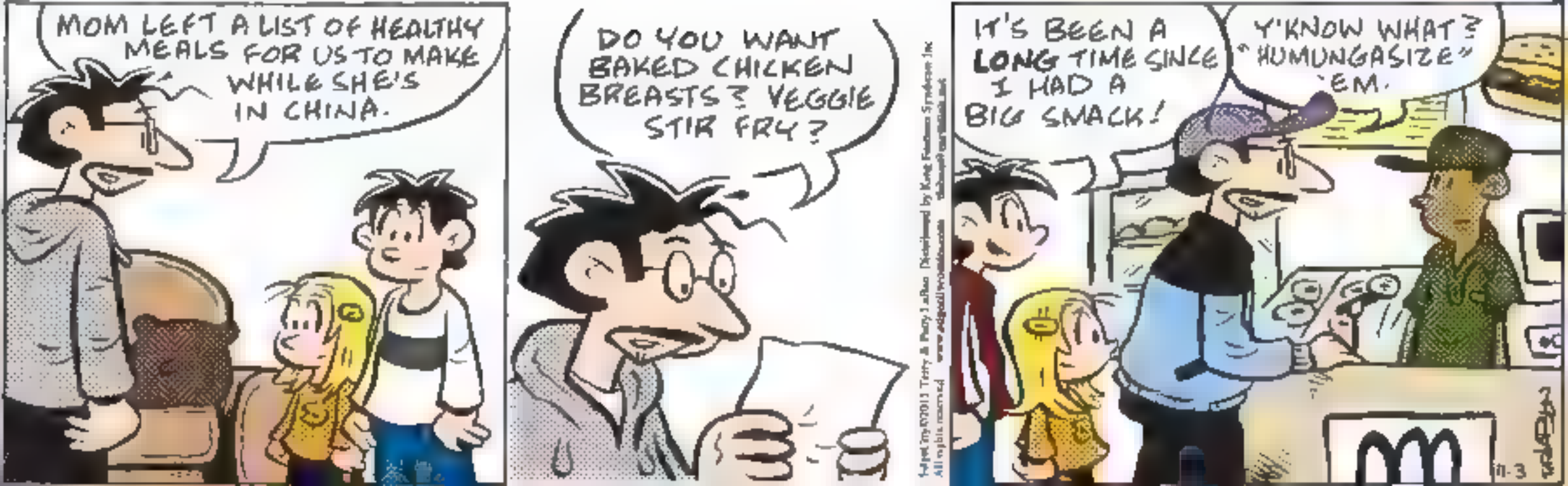

OK, KIDS -- I'M TAKING MOM TO THE AIRPORT TO GO TO CHINA.
3 WEEKS FAR AWAY! I'M GONNA MISS YOU GUYS SO MUCH!
SQUEEZE!
ABBY, WE GOTTA GO.
MOM! STOP!
I CAN'T BREATHE!

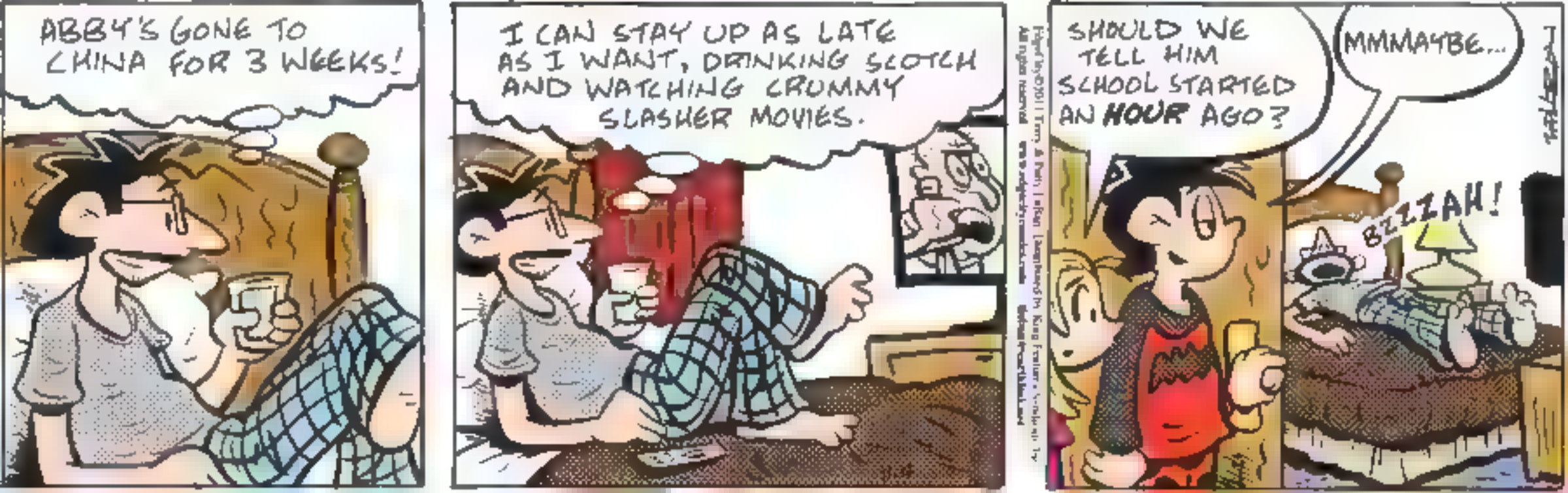


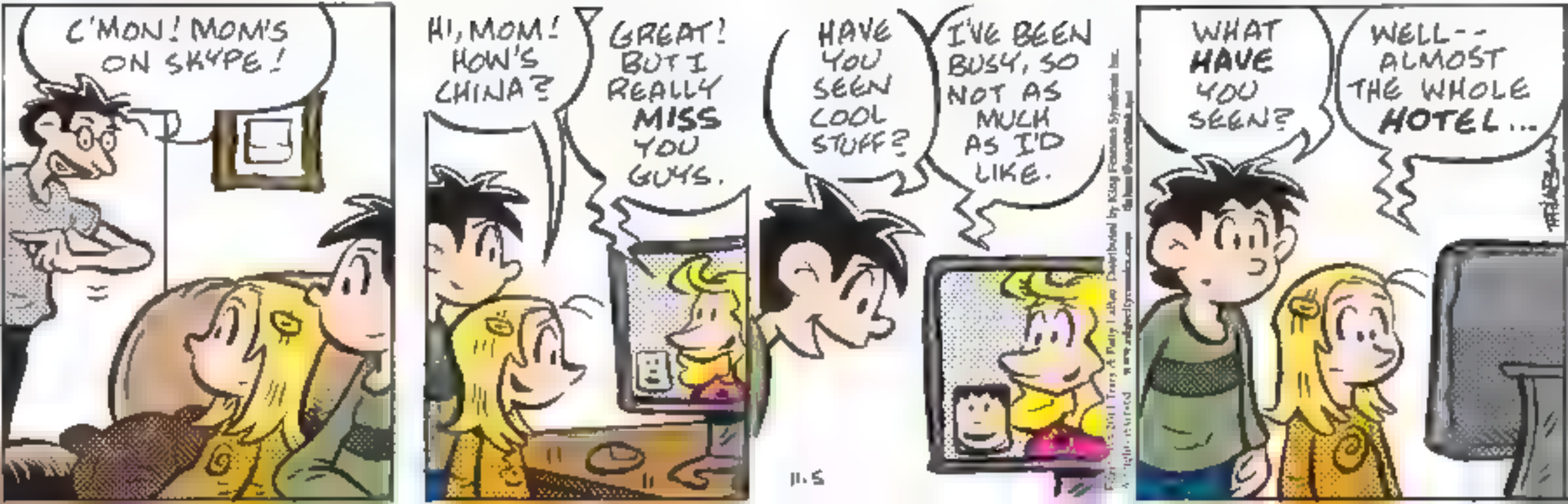


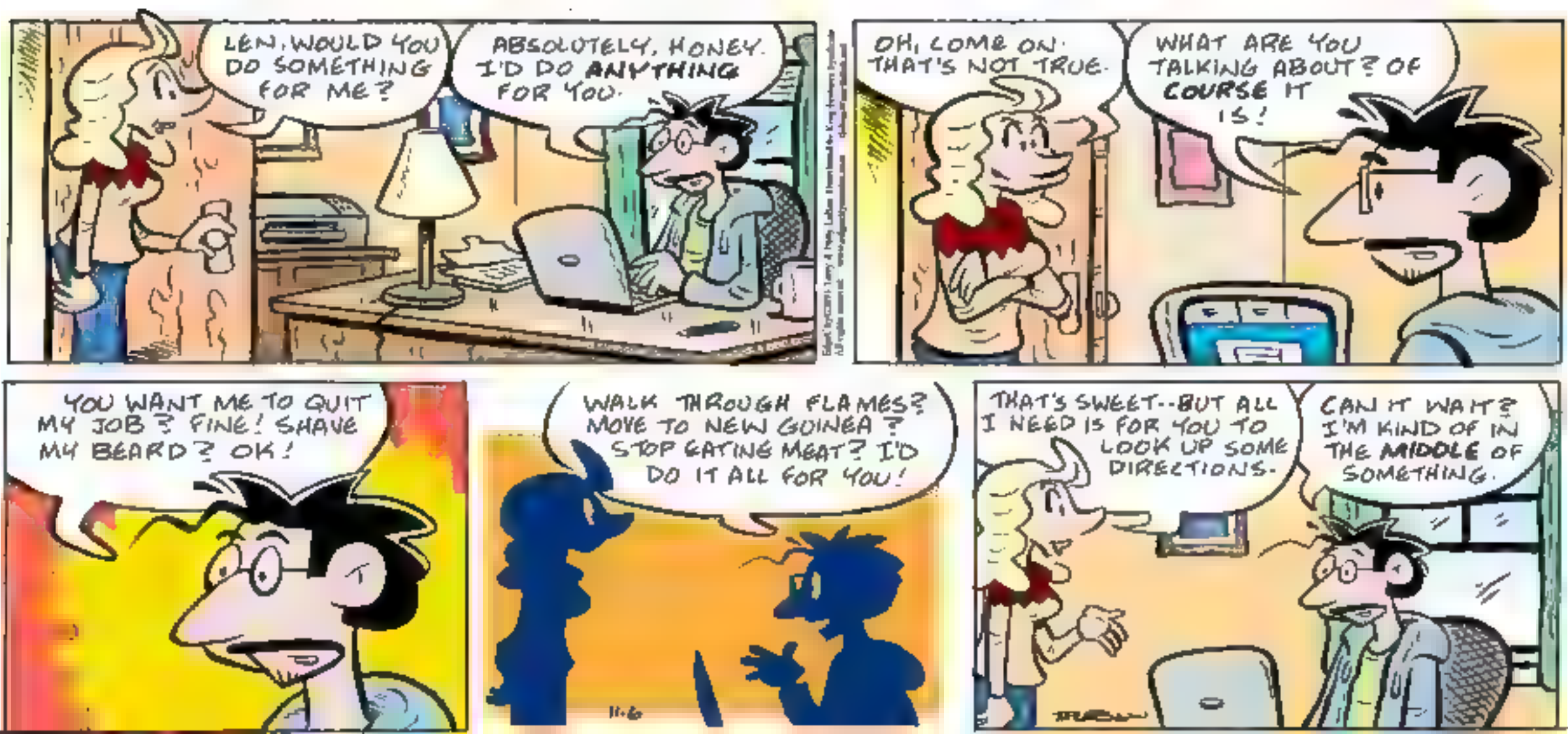
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MOM LEFT A LIST OF HEALTHY MEALS FOR US TO MAKE WHILE SHE'S IN CHINA.
DO YOU WANT BAKED CHICKEN BREASTS? VEGGIE STIR FRY?
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HAD A BIG SMACK!
Y'KNOW WHAT? "HUMUNGASIZE" 'EM.
11-3

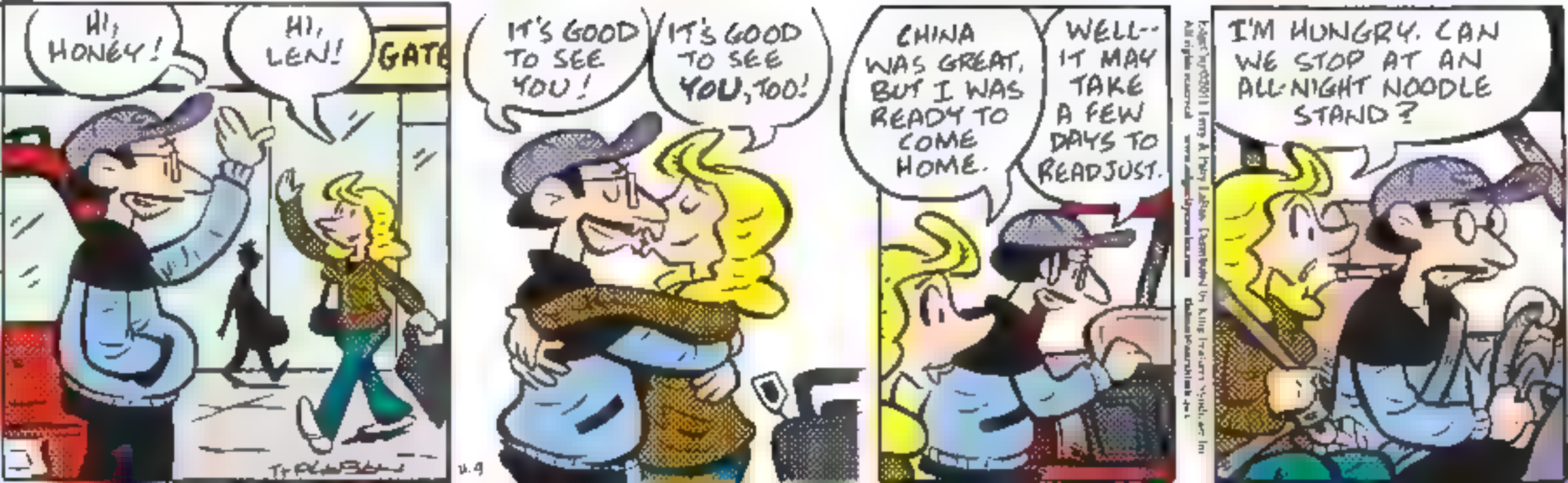

ABBY'S GONE TO CHINA FOR 3 WEEKS!
I CAN STAY UP AS LATE AS I WANT, DRINKING SCOTCH AND WATCHING CRUMMY SLASHER MOVIES.
SHOULD WE TELL HIM SCHOOL STARTED AN HOUR AGO?
MMMAYBE...
BZZZAH!


C'MON! MOM'S ON SKYPE!
HI, MOM! HOW'S CHINA?
GREAT! BUT I REALLY MISS YOU GUYS.
HAVE YOU SEEN COOL STUFF?
I'VE BEEN BUSY, SO NOT AS MUCH AS I'D LIKE.
11.5
WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN?
WELL-- ALMOST THE WHOLE HOTEL...

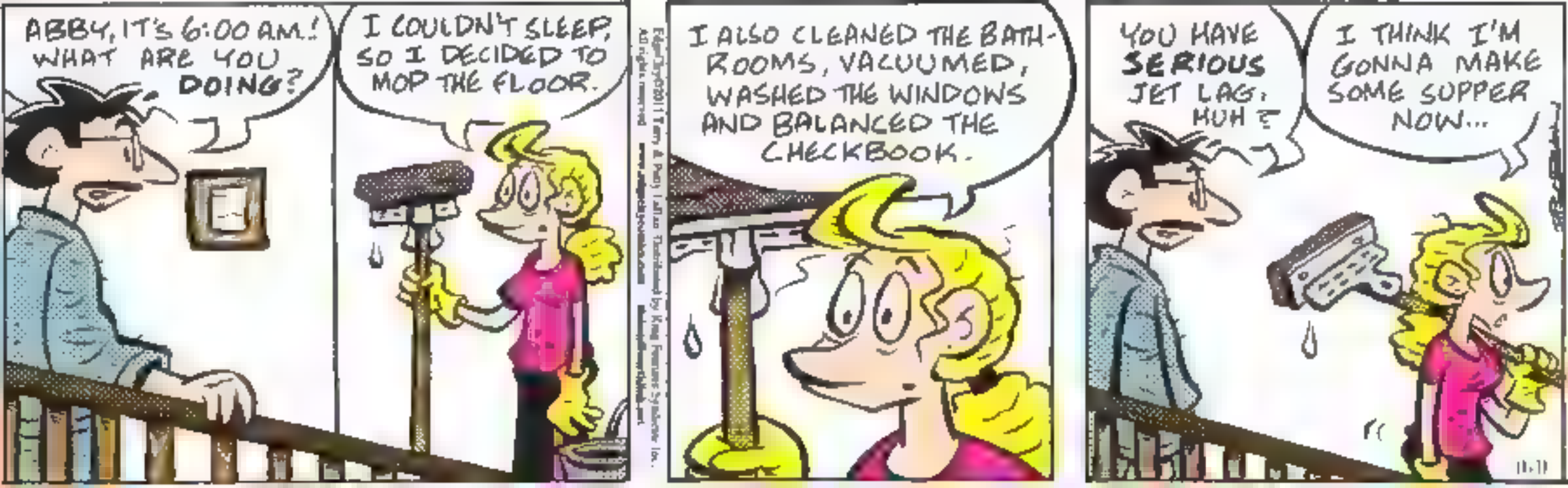

LEN, WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME?
ABSOLUTELY, HONEY. I'D DO ANYTHING FOR YOU.
OH, COME ON. THAT'S NOT TRUE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? OF COURSE IT IS!
YOU WANT ME TO QUIT MY JOB? FINE! SHAVE MY BEARD? OK!
WALK THROUGH FLAMES? MOVE TO NEW GUINEA? STOP EATING MEAT? I'D DO IT ALL FOR YOU!
THAT'S SWEET--BUT ALL I NEED IS FOR YOU TO LOOK UP SOME DIRECTIONS.
CAN IT WAIT? I'M KIND OF IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING.

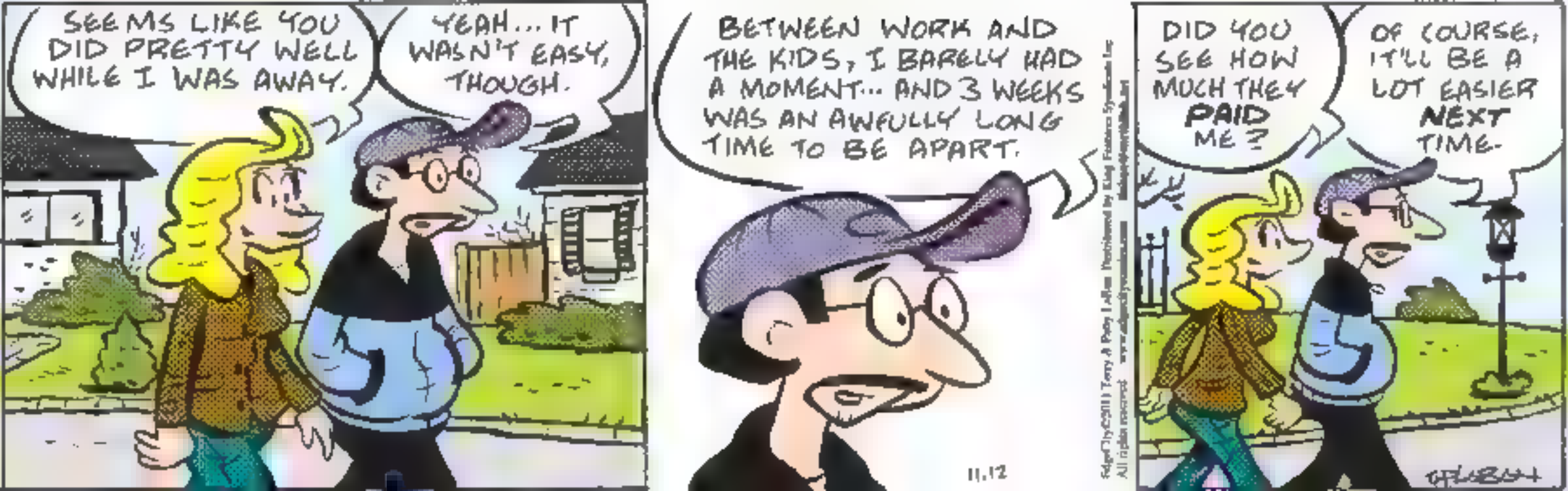

HI, HONEY! HOW'S EVERYTHING IN CHINA?
GREAT! HOW'S IT GOING THERE? ARE THE KIDS OK?
IT TOOK A WHILE TO LEARN THEIR SCHEDULES, BUT NOW IT'S FINE. CARLY'S AT DANCE, COLIN'S AT SOCCER.
IT'S MONDAY! COLIN HAS SOCCER TOMORROW!
ER... LEMME CALL YOU BACK...
11-7

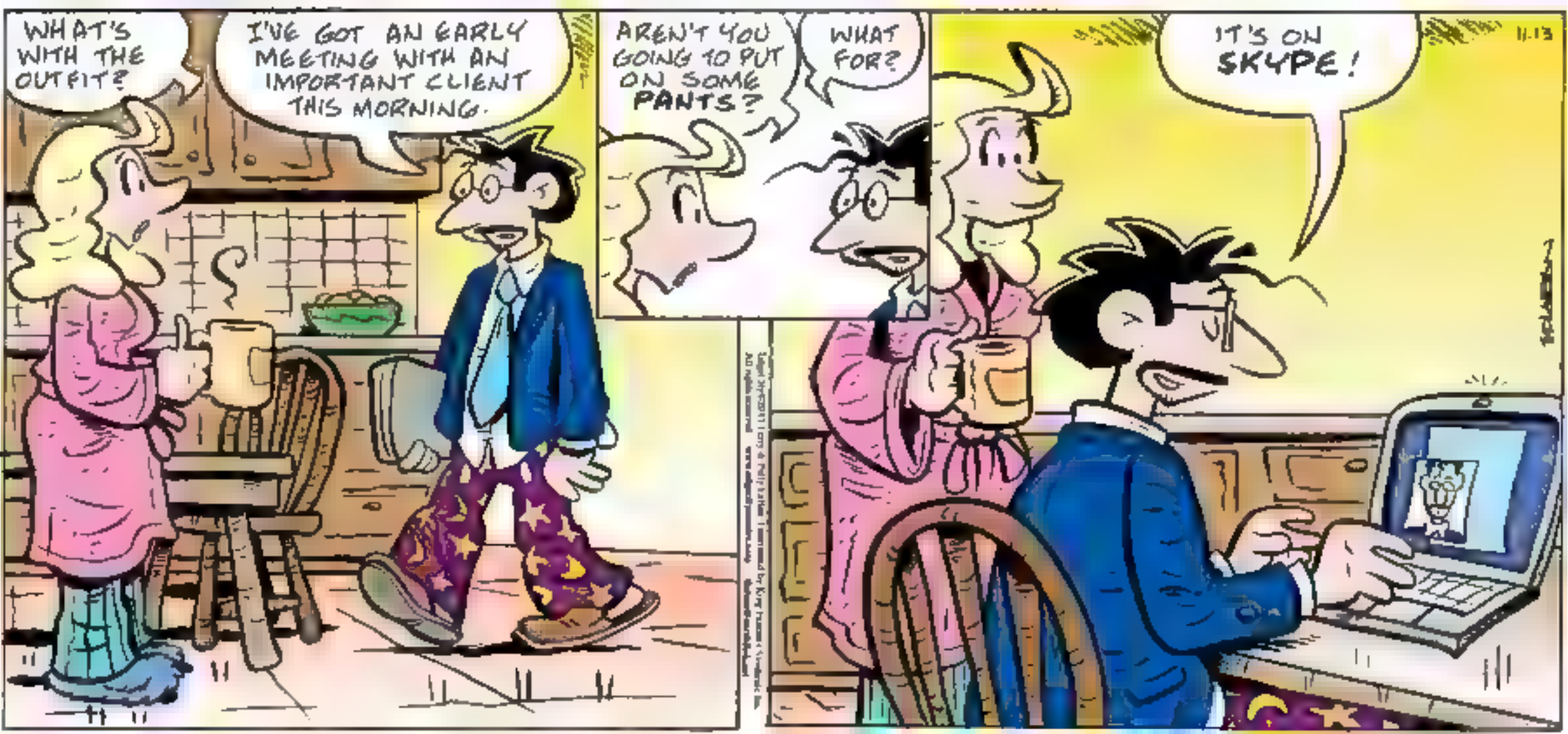

LISTEN, YOU GUYS--MOM'S COMING HOME TOMORROW.
WE NEED TO GET BUSY. THERE'S A LOT TO DO.
OH, YEAH?
LIKE WHAT?
11-8


HI, HONEY!
HI, LEN!
GATE
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU!
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, TOO!
CHINA WAS GREAT, BUT I WAS READY TO COME HOME.
WELL-- IT MAY TAKE A FEW DAYS TO READJUST.
I'M HUNGRY. CAN WE STOP AT AN ALL-NIGHT NOODLE STAND?

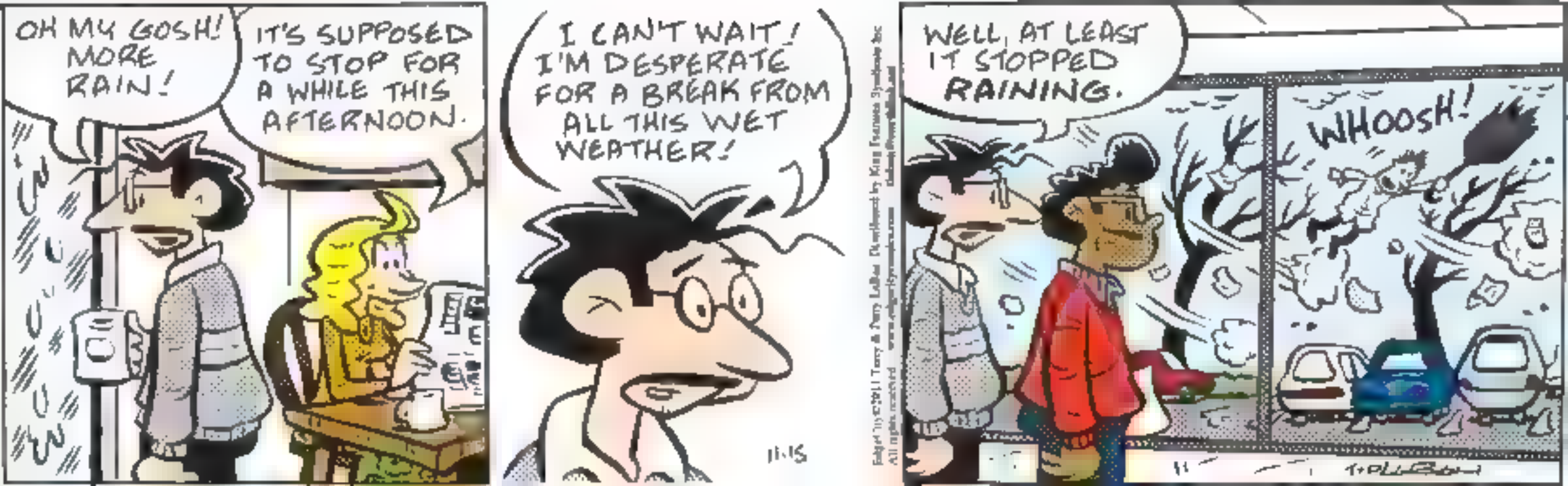

MOM!
HI, YOU GUYS!
THE PLACE LOOKS GREAT! I'M IMPRESSED!
WE ALL PITCHED IN TO CLEAN UP BEFORE YOU GOT HOME.
CRASH!
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THERE'S A WEEK'S WORTH OF DIRTY DISHES IN THE CLOSET!
WE DID IT KIND OF FAST.

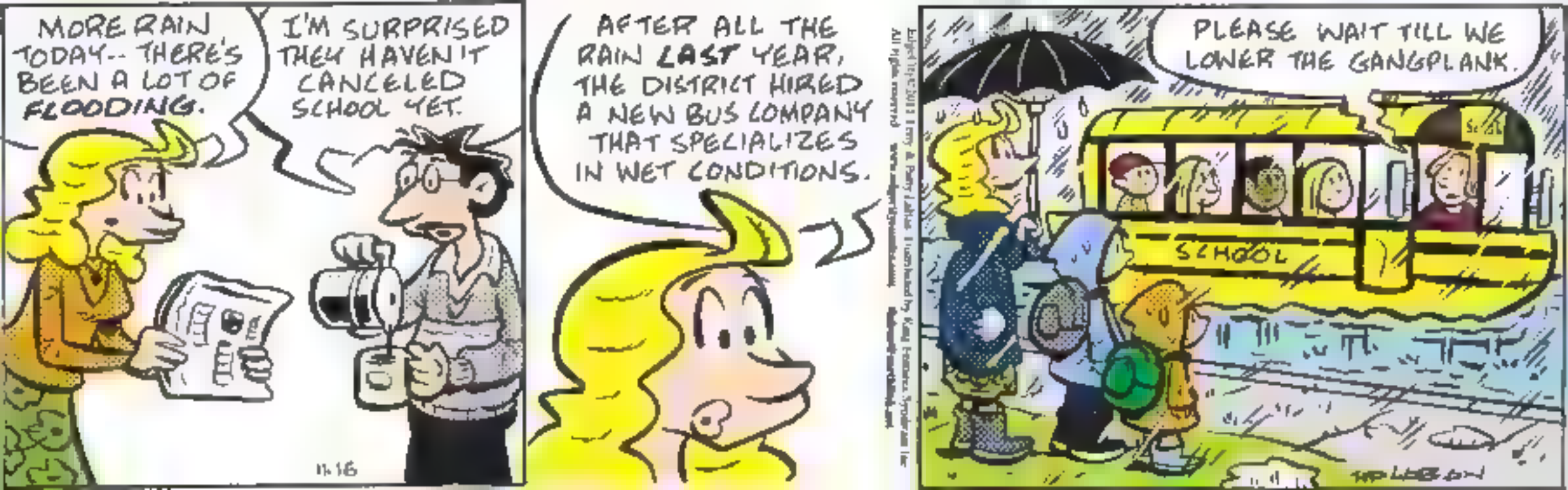

ABBY, IT'S 6:00 AM! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I COULDN'T SLEEP, SO I DECIDED TO MOP THE FLOOR.
I ALSO CLEANED THE BATHROOMS, VACUUMED, WASHED THE WINDOWS AND BALANCED THE CHECKBOOK.
YOU HAVE SERIOUS JET LAG, HUH?
I THINK I'M GONNA MAKE SOME SUPPER NOW...

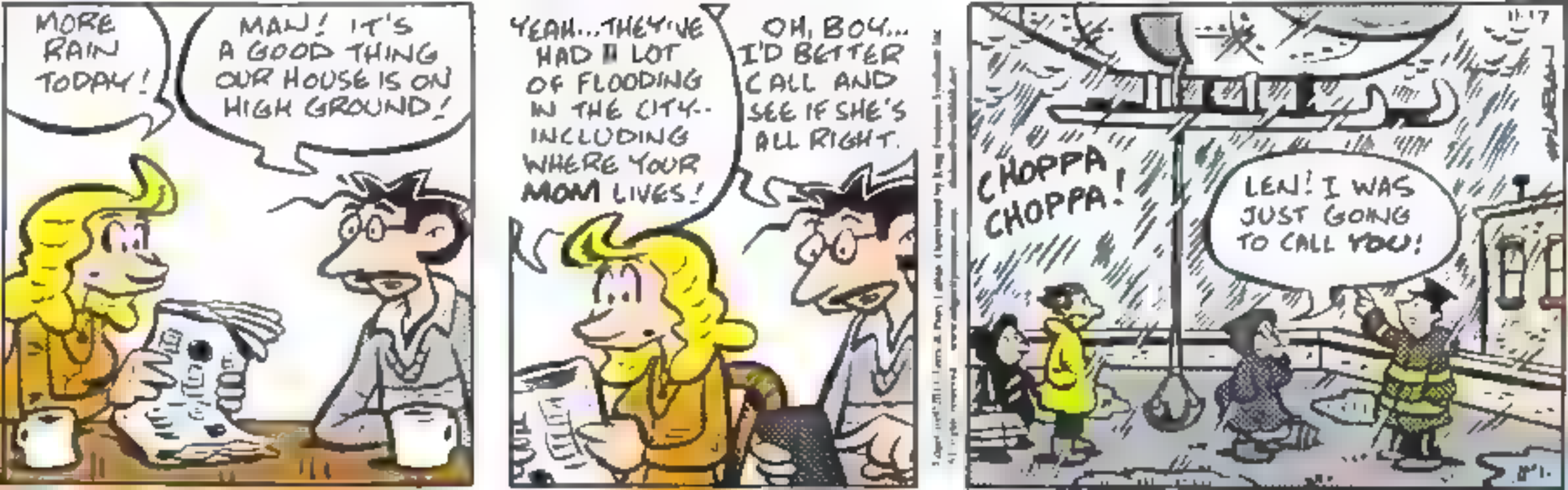

SEEMS LIKE YOU DID PRETTY WELL WHILE I WAS AWAY.
YEAH... IT WASN'T EASY, THOUGH.
BETWEEN WORK AND THE KIDS, I BARELY HAD A MOMENT... AND 3 WEEKS WAS AN AWFULLY LONG TIME TO BE APART.
11.12
DID YOU SEE HOW MUCH THEY PAID ME?
OF COURSE, IT'LL BE A LOT EASIER NEXT TIME.

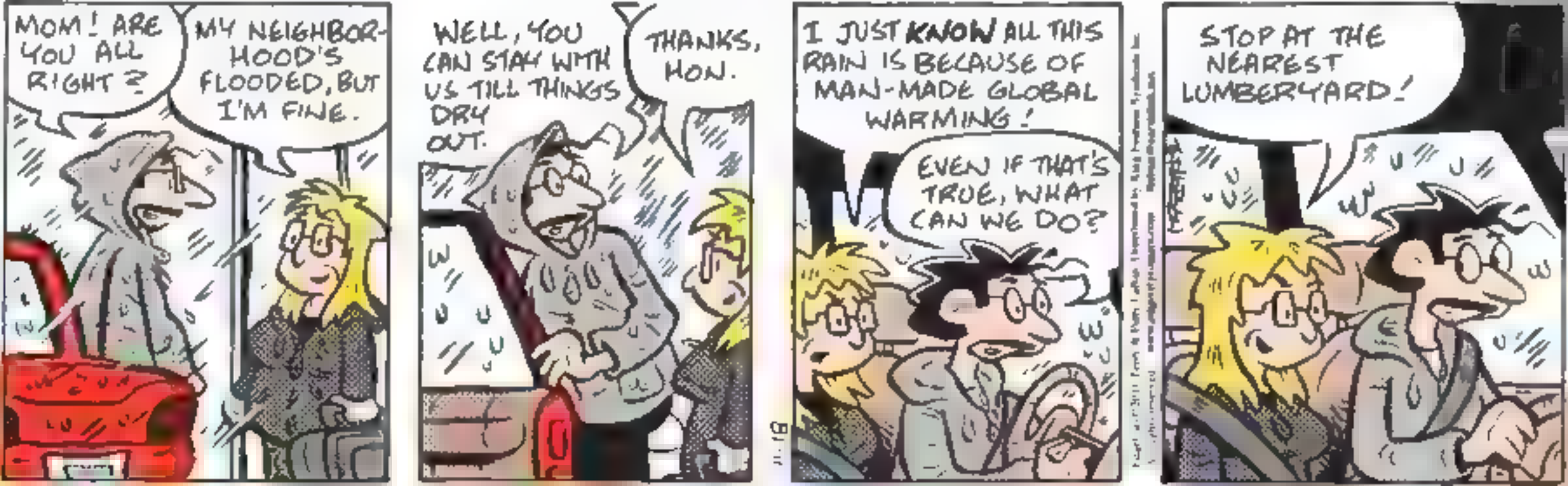

WHAT'S WITH THE OUTFIT?
I'VE GOT AN EARLY MEETING WITH AN IMPORTANT CLIENT THIS MORNING.
AREN'T YOU GOING TO PUT ON SOME PANTS?
WHAT FOR?
IT'S ON SKYPE!
11-13

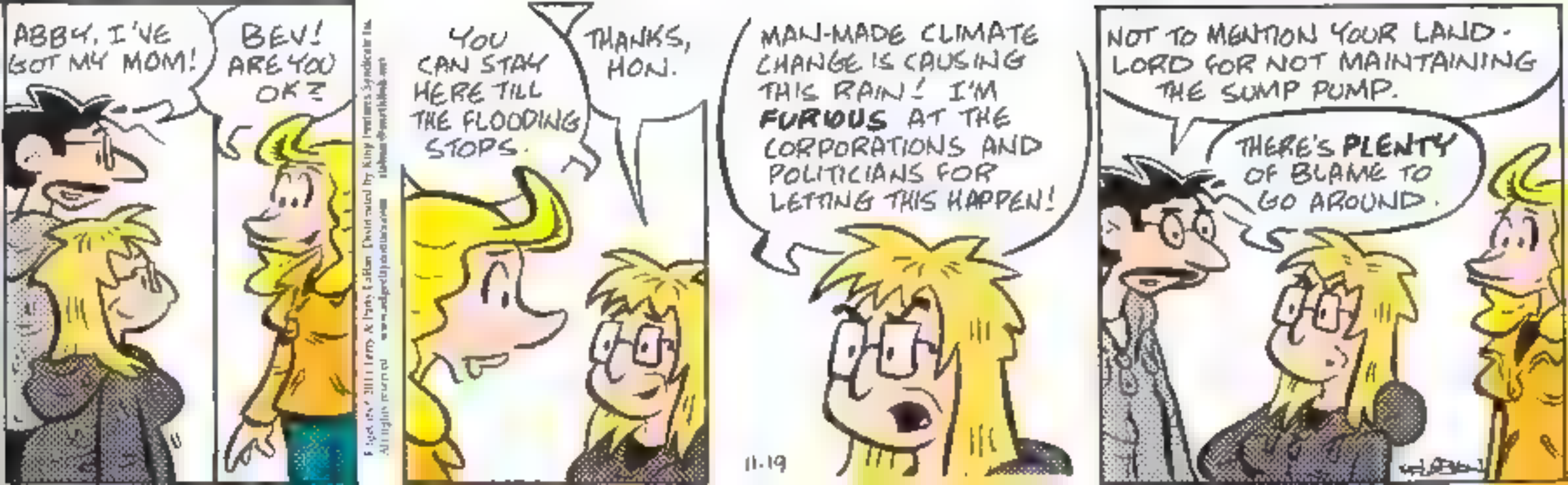

THEY SAY THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE RAIN TODAY!
YOU'RE KIDDING! IT'S BEEN RAINING ALL WEEK!
THERE'S SURE BEEN A LOT OF SEVERE WEATHER LATELY!
YEAH... RAIN, DROUGHT, HURRICANES...
YOU THINK IT'S BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE CAUSING THE CLIMATE TO CHANGE?
I KIND OF HOPE SO.
11-14
OTHERWISE, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.
BOOM!


OH MY GOSH! MORE RAIN!
IT'S SUPPOSED TO STOP FOR A WHILE THIS AFTERNOON.
I CAN'T WAIT! I'M DESPERATE FOR A BREAK FROM ALL THIS WET WEATHER!
WELL, AT LEAST IT STOPPED RAINING.
WHOOSH!


MORE RAIN TODAY-- THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF FLOODING.
I'M SURPRISED THEY HAVEN'T CANCELED SCHOOL YET.
11-16
AFTER ALL THE RAIN LAST YEAR, THE DISTRICT HIRED A NEW BUS COMPANY THAT SPECIALIZES IN WET CONDITIONS.
PLEASE WAIT TILL WE LOWER THE GANGPLANK.
SCHOOL


MORE RAIN TODAY!
MAN! IT'S A GOOD THING OUR HOUSE IS ON HIGH GROUND!
YEAH... THEY'VE HAD A LOT OF FLOODING IN THE CITY-- INCLUDING WHERE YOUR MOM LIVES!
OH, BOY... I'D BETTER CALL AND SEE IF SHE'S ALL RIGHT.
CHOPPA CHOPPA!
LEN! I WAS JUST GOING TO CALL YOU!

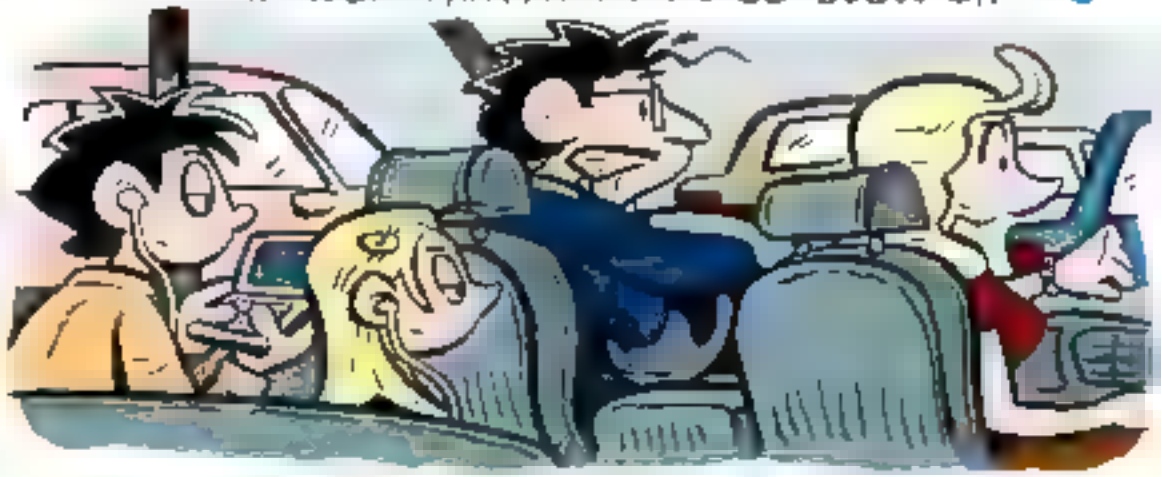

MOM! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MY NEIGHBORHOOD'S FLOODED, BUT I'M FINE.
WELL, YOU CAN STAY WITH US TILL THINGS DRY OUT.
THANKS, HON.
I JUST KNOW ALL THIS RAIN IS BECAUSE OF MAN-MADE GLOBAL WARMING!
EVEN IF THAT'S TRUE, WHAT CAN WE DO?
STOP AT THE NEAREST LUMBERYARD!


ABBY, I'VE GOT MY MOM!
BEV! ARE YOU OK?
YOU CAN STAY HERE TILL THE FLOODING STOPS.
THANKS, HON.
MAN-MADE CLIMATE CHANGE IS CAUSING THIS RAIN! I'M FURIOUS AT THE CORPORATIONS AND POLITICIANS FOR LETTING THIS HAPPEN!
11.19
NOT TO MENTION YOUR LAND-LORD FOR NOT MAINTAINING THE SUMP PUMP.
THERE'S PLENTY OF BLAME TO GO AROUND.

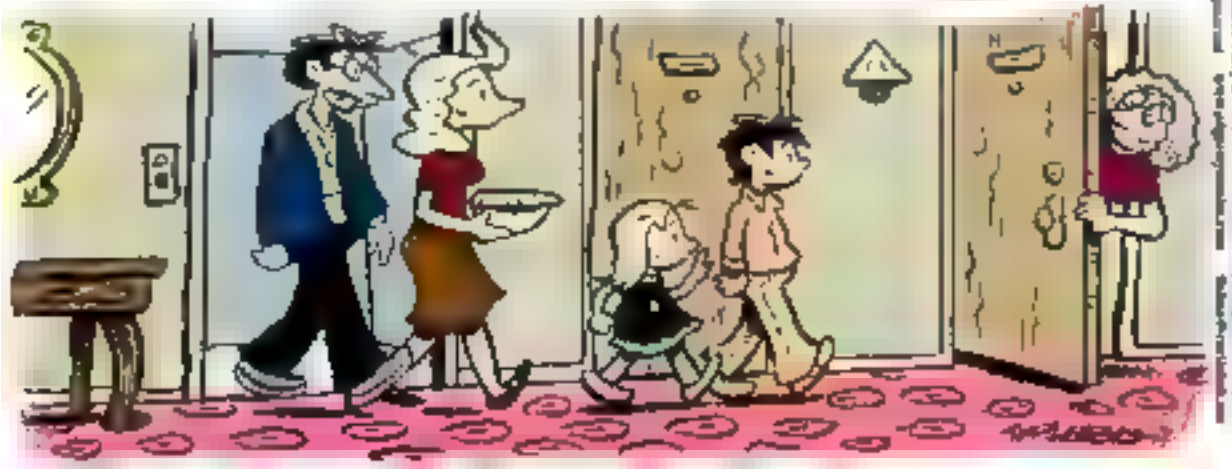
OVER THE TURNPIKE AND PAST THE MALL
TO GRANDMOTHER'S PLACE WE GO.



DAD IS THE MAN WHO PILOTS THE VAN
THROUGH TRAFFIC THAT'S SO SLOW-OH

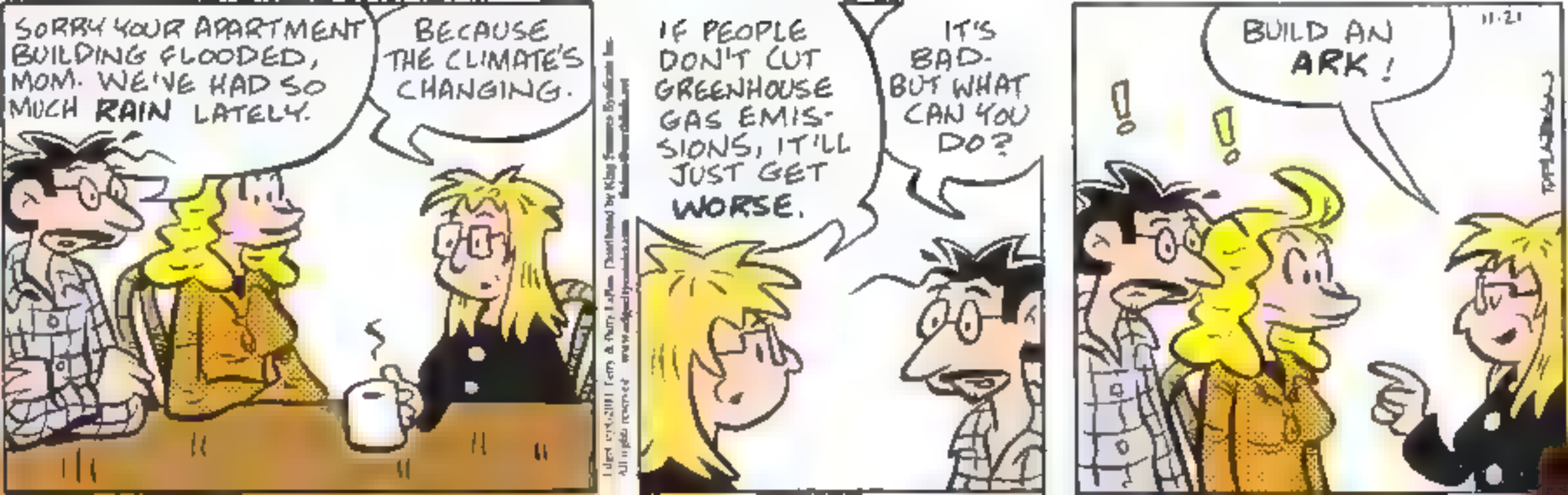


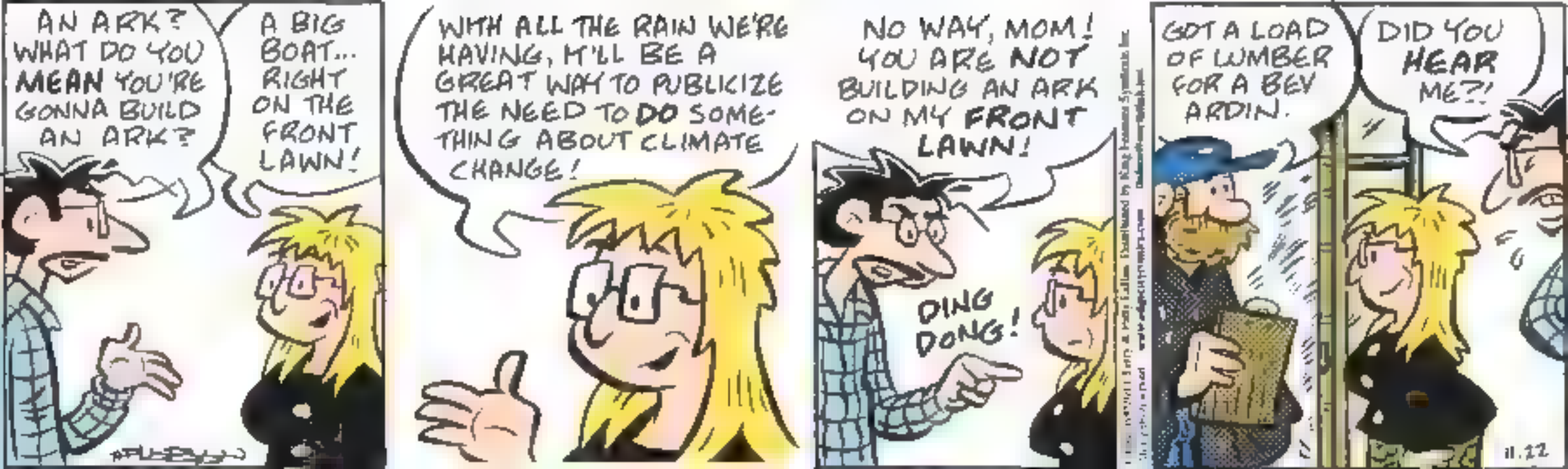
UP THE 'VATOR AND DOWN THE HALL
IT'S GRANDMOTHER'S DOOR WE SEE.



HURRAH FOR THE FOOD, AND WHEN WE'RE FULL
THERE'S A WALL-MOUNTED, FLAT-SCREEN TV!

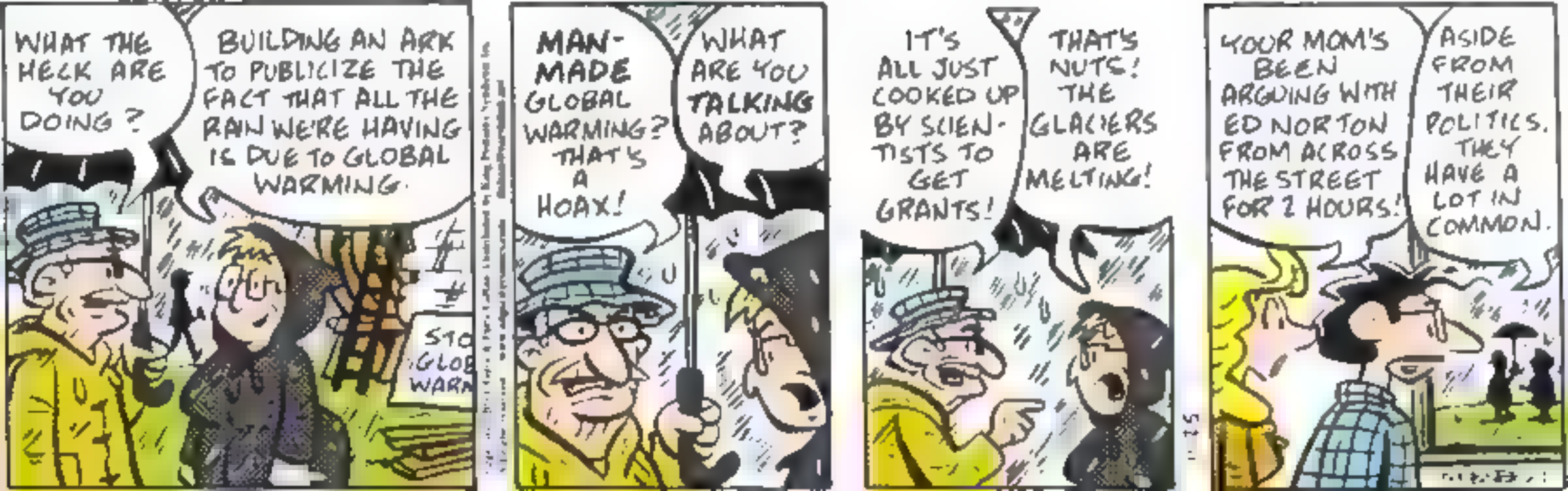



SORRY YOUR APARTMENT BUILDING FLOODED, MOM. WE'VE HAD SO MUCH RAIN LATELY.
BECAUSE THE CLIMATE'S CHANGING.
IF PEOPLE DON'T CUT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, IT'LL JUST GET WORSE.
IT'S BAD- BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO?
BUILD AN ARK!
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11-21

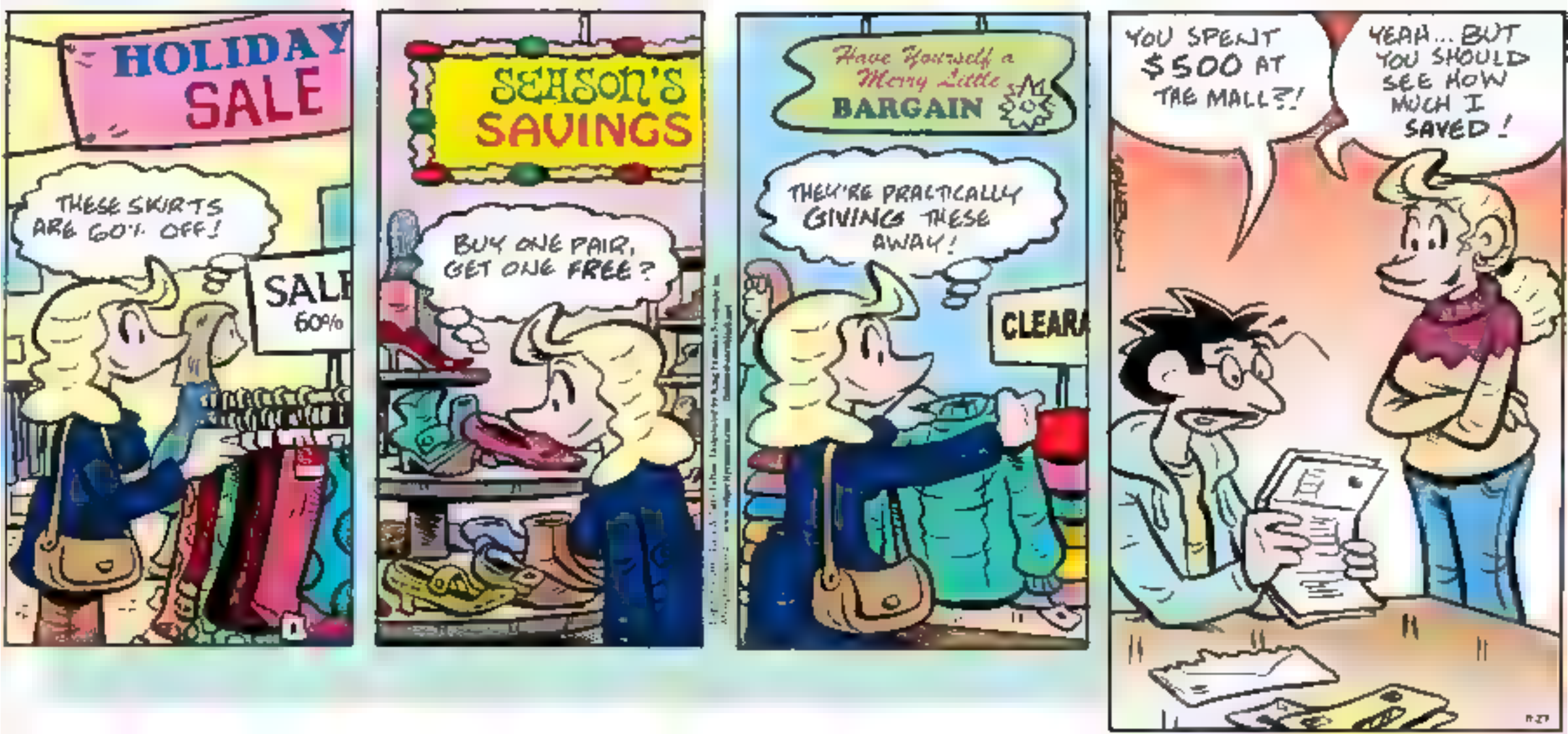

AN ARK? WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE GONNA BUILD AN ARK?
A BIG BOAT... RIGHT ON THE FRONT LAWN!
WITH ALL THE RAIN WE'RE HAVING, IT'LL BE A GREAT WAY TO PUBLICIZE THE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE!
NO WAY, MOM! YOU ARE NOT BUILDING AN ARK ON MY FRONT LAWN!
DING DONG!
GOT A LOAD OF LUMBER FOR A BEV ARDIN.
DID YOU HEAR ME?!
11.22


MOM, THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE! YOU CAN'T BUILD AN ARK ON MY FRONT LAWN!
DON'T BE SILLY, LEN.
THERE'S NO-WHERE ELSE I CAN PUT IT.
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
I'M FUNDING IT THROUGH KICKSTARTER... IT'LL BE BUILT BY VOLUNTEERS. YOU WON'T HAVE TO DO A THING!
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
THAT THE WOOD? AWE-SOME, MRS. A!


WE CAN'T LET MY MOM BUILD AN ARK ON THE FRONT LAWN!
IT'D BE HARD TO STOP HER.
11-24
I DON'T CARE! WHAT'LL THE NEIGHBORS THINK?
MAYBE IT'LL HELP THEM CONNECT THE RAIN WE'VE HAD TO GLOBAL WARMING.
WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON, ANYHOW?
WELL, I...
I JUST CHECKED THE WEBSITE, ABBY! THANKS FOR THE DONATION!

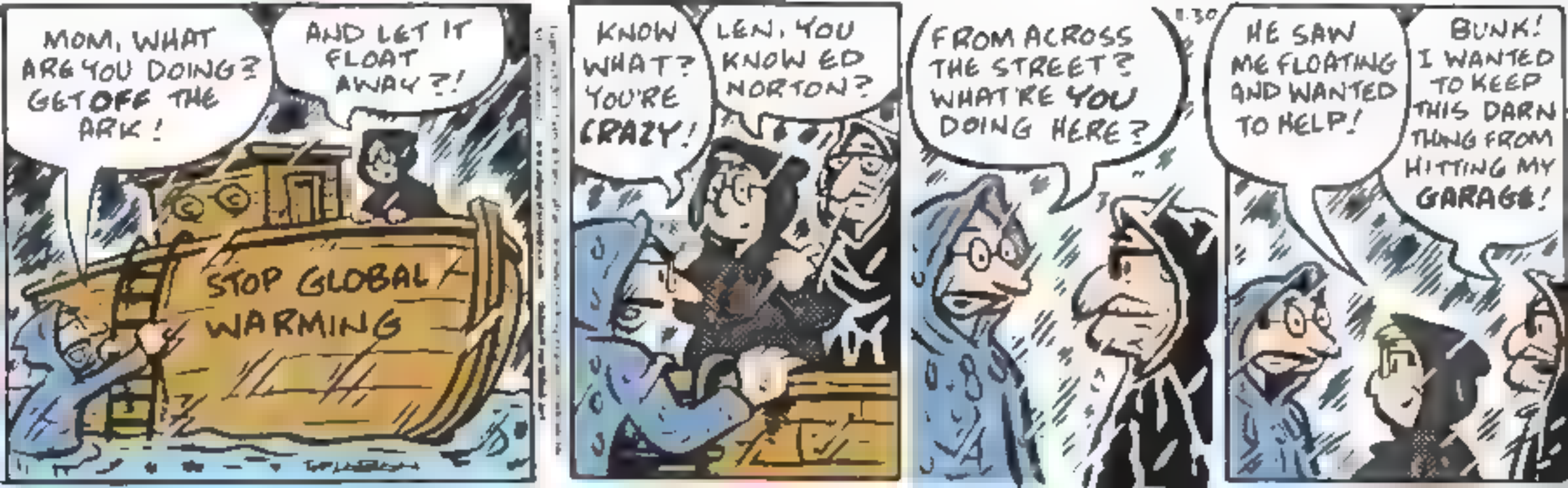

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?
BUILDING AN ARK TO PUBLICIZE THE FACT THAT ALL THE RAIN WE'RE HAVING IS DUE TO GLOBAL WARMING.
MAN-MADE GLOBAL WARMING? THAT'S A HOAX!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S ALL JUST COOKED UP BY SCIENTISTS TO GET GRANTS!
THAT'S NUTS! THE GLACIERS ARE MELTING!
YOUR MOM'S BEEN ARGUING WITH ED NORTON FROM ACROSS THE STREET FOR 2 HOURS!
ASIDE FROM THEIR POLITICS, THEY HAVE A LOT IN COMMON.

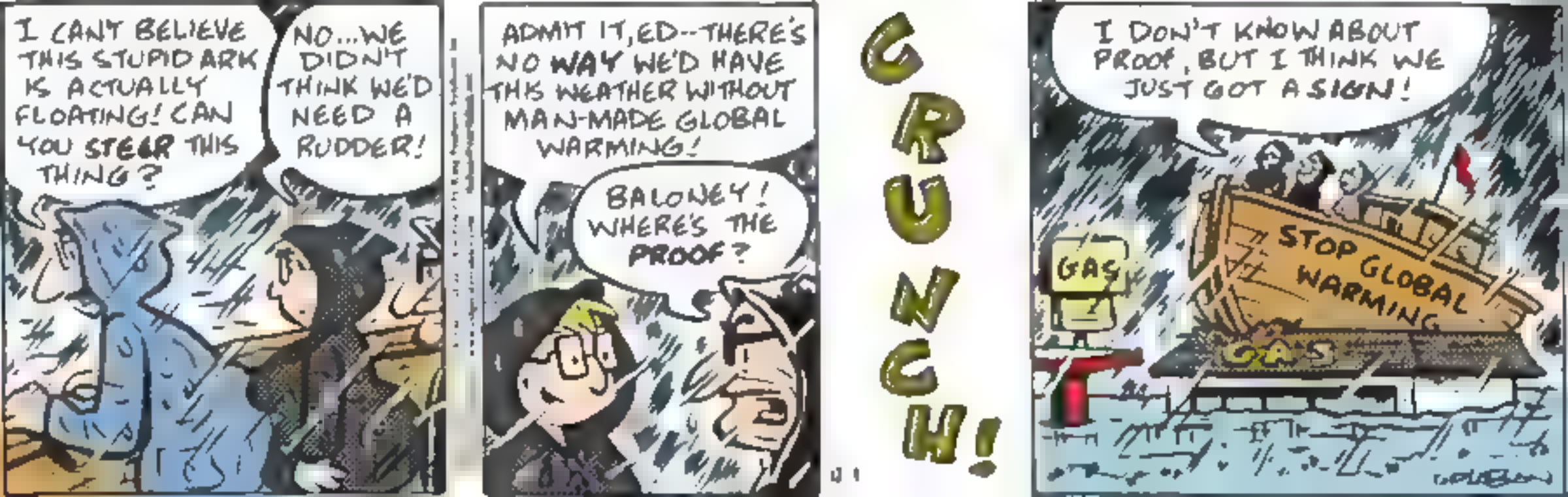

WOW, THE ARK LOOKS GREAT! IT'S TIME TO GET SOME PUBLICITY!
STOP GLOBAL
NEWS 5? WE'VE BUILT A FULL-SIZE ARK TO DRAMATIZE THE FACT THAT ALL THE RECENT RAIN IS DUE TO GLOBAL WARMING!
YEAH? IT MIGHT BE A STORY.
MAYBE TOMORROW-- TODAY WE'RE FEATURING A 3-YEAR-OLD WHO PLAYS BROADWAY HITS ON COMB.
11.26

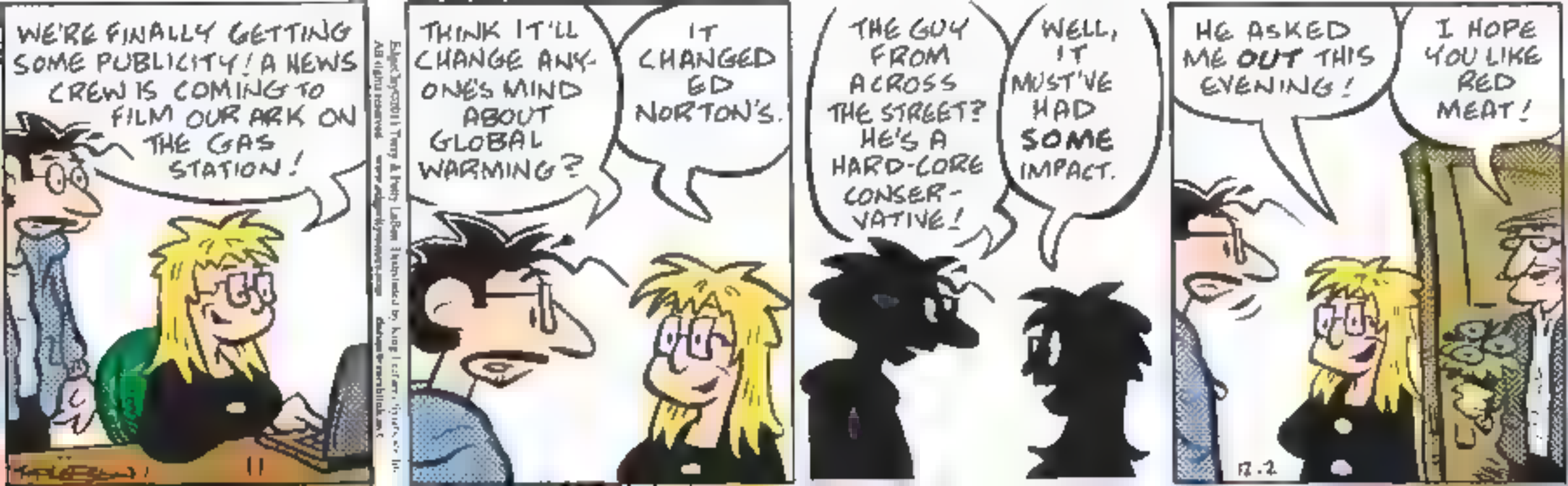

HOLIDAY SALE
THESE SKIRTS ARE GO'I. OFF!
SALE 60%
SEASON'S SAVINGS
BUY ONE PAIR, GET ONE FREE?
Have Yourself a Merry Little BARGAIN
THEY'RE PRACTICALLY GIVING THESE AWAY!
CLEARA
YOU SPENT $500 AT THE MALL?!
YEAH... BUT YOU SHOULD SEE HOW MUCH I SAVED!

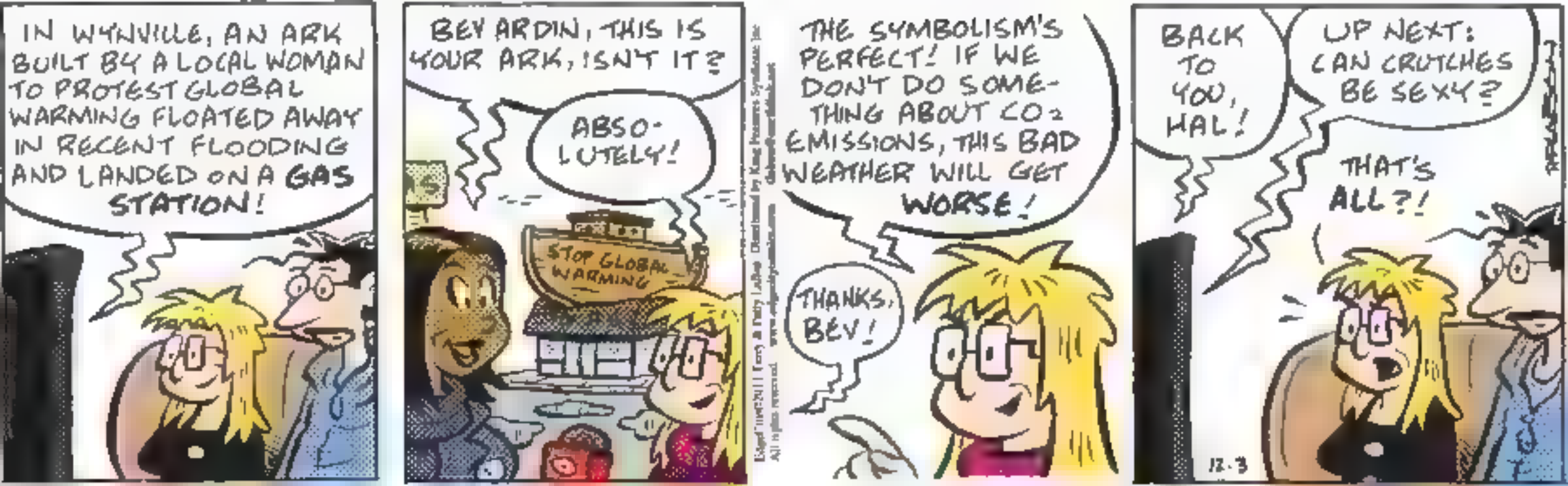

I'VE CALLED EVERY NEWS OUTLET IN TOWN. NO ONE WANTS TO DO A STORY ON MY ARK!
AFTER ALL THAT WORK! TOO BAD.
I'M NOT GIVING UP! PEOPLE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS RAIN IS ALL BECAUSE OF GLOBAL WARMING!
FINE-- BUT THAT BOAT NEEDS TO COME OFF MY FRONT LAWN...
11.28
... ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!
STOP GLOBAL WARMING
CREAK!


LEN! THAT'S YOUR PHONE!
MOM? IT'S 3 A.M.!
THE STREET'S FLOODED AND THE ARK IS FLOATING AWAY!
11.19
YOU GOTTA COME OUT HERE!
= OUT HERE"? WHERE ARE YOU?!
STOP GLOBAL WARMING
THOBSON

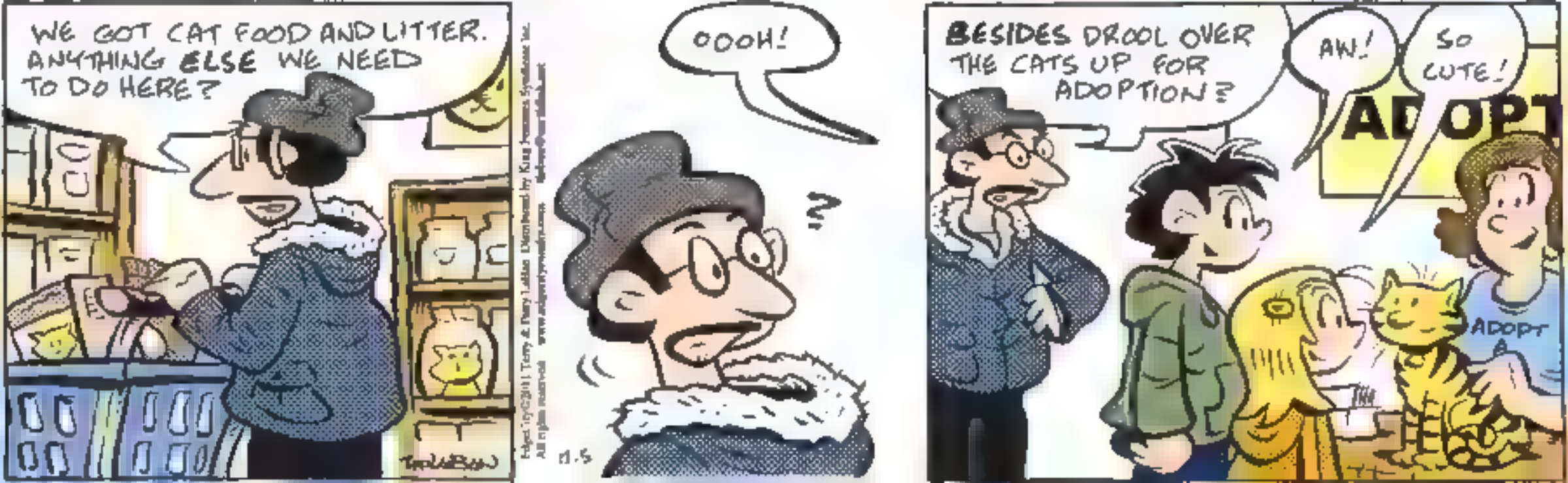

MOM, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GET OFF THE ARK!
AND LET IT FLOAT AWAY?!
STOP GLOBAL WARMING
KNOW WHAT? YOU'RE CRAZY!
LEN, YOU KNOW ED NORTON?
FROM ACROSS THE STREET? WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
HE SAW ME FLOATING AND WANTED TO HELP!
BUNK! I WANTED TO KEEP THIS DARN THING FROM HITTING MY GARAGE!


I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS STUPID ARK IS ACTUALLY FLOATING! CAN YOU STEER THIS THING?
NO...WE DIDN'T THINK WE'D NEED A RUDDER!
ADMIT IT, ED--THERE'S NO WAY WE'D HAVE THIS WEATHER WITHOUT MAN-MADE GLOBAL WARMING!
BALONEY! WHERE'S THE PROOF?
CRUNCH!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT PROOF, BUT I THINK WE JUST GOT A SIGN!
GAS
STOP GLOBAL WARMING
GAS

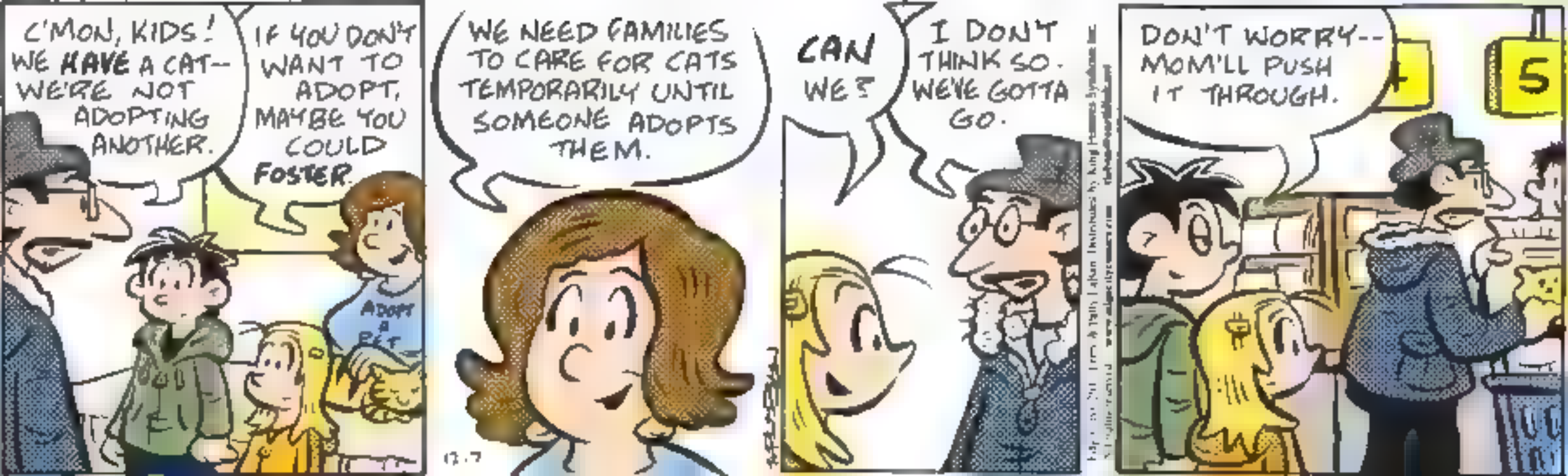

WE'RE FINALLY GETTING SOME PUBLICITY! A NEWS CREW IS COMING TO FILM OUR ARK ON THE GAS STATION!
THINK IT'LL CHANGE ANY-ONE'S MIND ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING?
IT CHANGED ED NORTON'S.
THE GUY FROM ACROSS THE STREET? HE'S A HARD-CORE CONSER-VATIVE!
WELL, IT MUST'VE HAD SOME IMPACT.
HE ASKED ME OUT THIS EVENING!
I HOPE YOU LIKE RED MEAT!
12.2


IN WYNNILLE, AN ARK BUILT BY A LOCAL WOMAN TO PROTEST GLOBAL WARMING FLOATED AWAY IN RECENT FLOODING AND LANDED ON A GAS STATION!
BEVARDIN, THIS IS YOUR ARK, ISN'T IT?
ABSO-LUTELY!
STOP GLOBAL WARMING
THE SYMBOLISM'S PERFECT! IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT CO_2 EMISSIONS, THIS BAD WEATHER WILL GET WORSE!
THANKS, BEV!
BACK TO YOU, HAL!
UP NEXT: CAN CRUTCHES BE SEXY?
THAT'S ALL?!
12-3

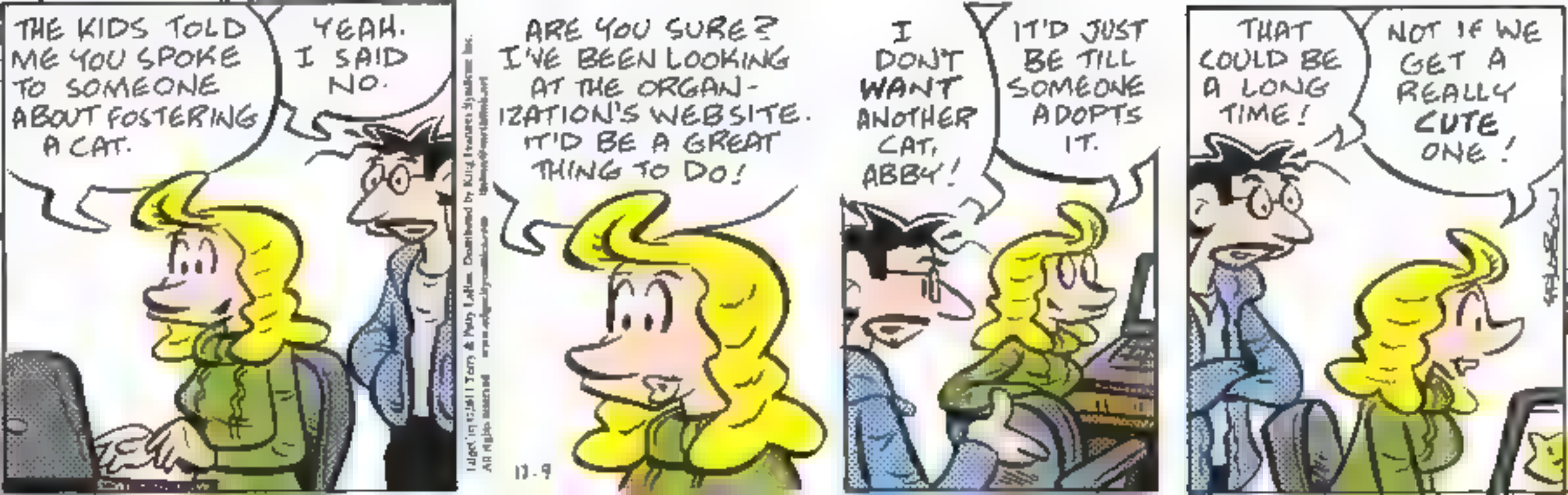

WHAT'LL WE DO ABOUT AN OFFICE HOLIDAY PARTY?
GIVEN THE YEAR WE HAD, WE CAN'T AFFORD ANYTHING FANCY.
I FEEL BAD... WE HAVEN'T HAD A REAL HOLIDAY PARTY IN AGES!
WHAT CAN WE DO? TIMES ARE TOUGH.
WE SHOULD CALL HOTELS DOWNTOWN, FIND A BIG CORPORATE HOLIDAY PARTY, AND CRASH IT!
YOU NUT! I'M SURE WE CAN COME UP WITH SOMETHING BETTER THAN THAT!
12-4
GREAT IDEA, LEN--THE RAW BAR IS FANTASTIC!
SO...WHAT DEPARTMENT DID YOU SAY YOU WORKED IN?
MEGACORP


WE GOT CAT FOOD AND LITTER. ANYTHING ELSE WE NEED TO DO HERE?
OOOH!
?
BESIDES DROOL OVER THE CATS UP FOR ADOPTION?
AW!
SO CUTE!
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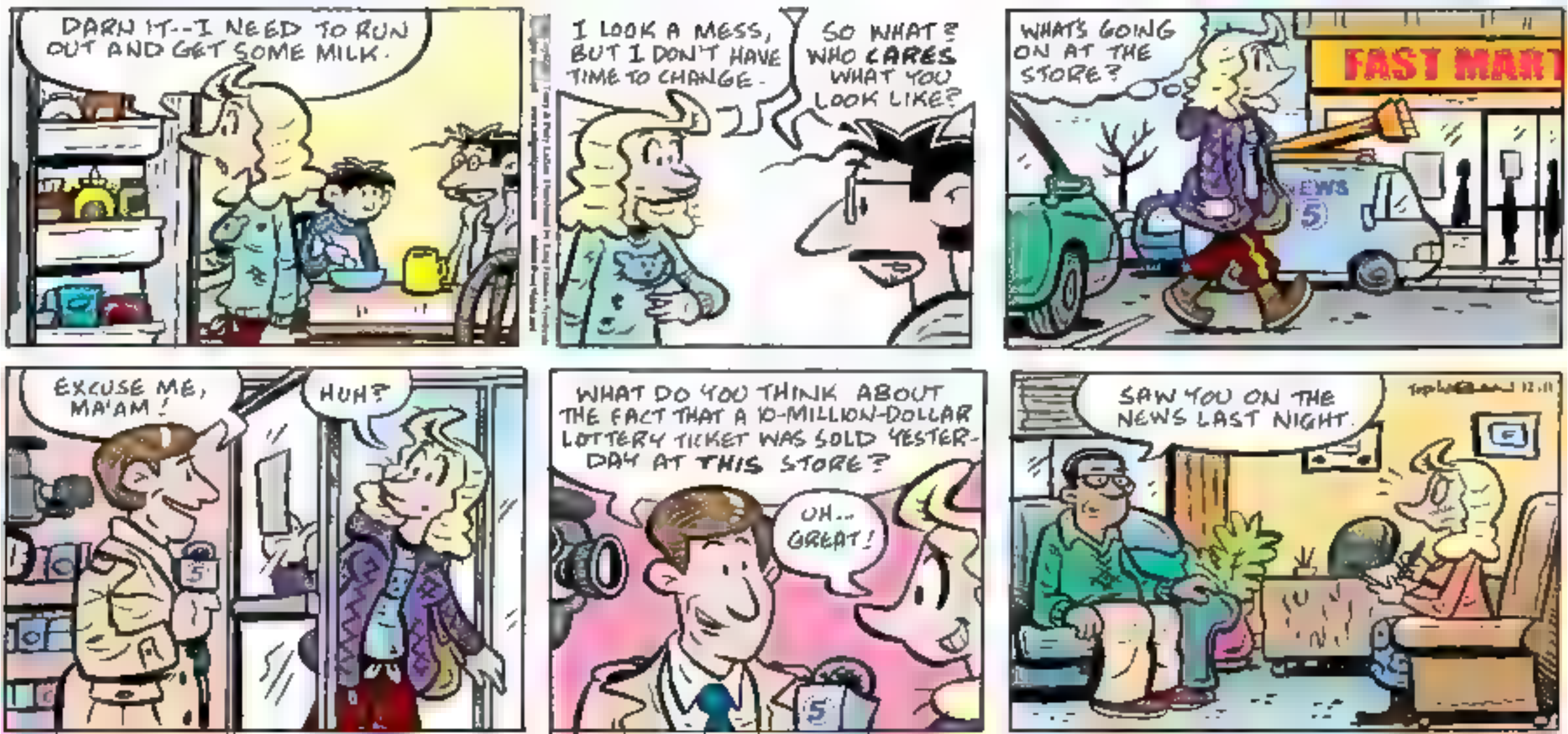

COLIN! CARLY!
JUST A SEC!
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ADOPTING A CAT?
THANKS, BUT THE ONE WE HAVE NOW IS PLENTY!
KIDS, LET'S GO!

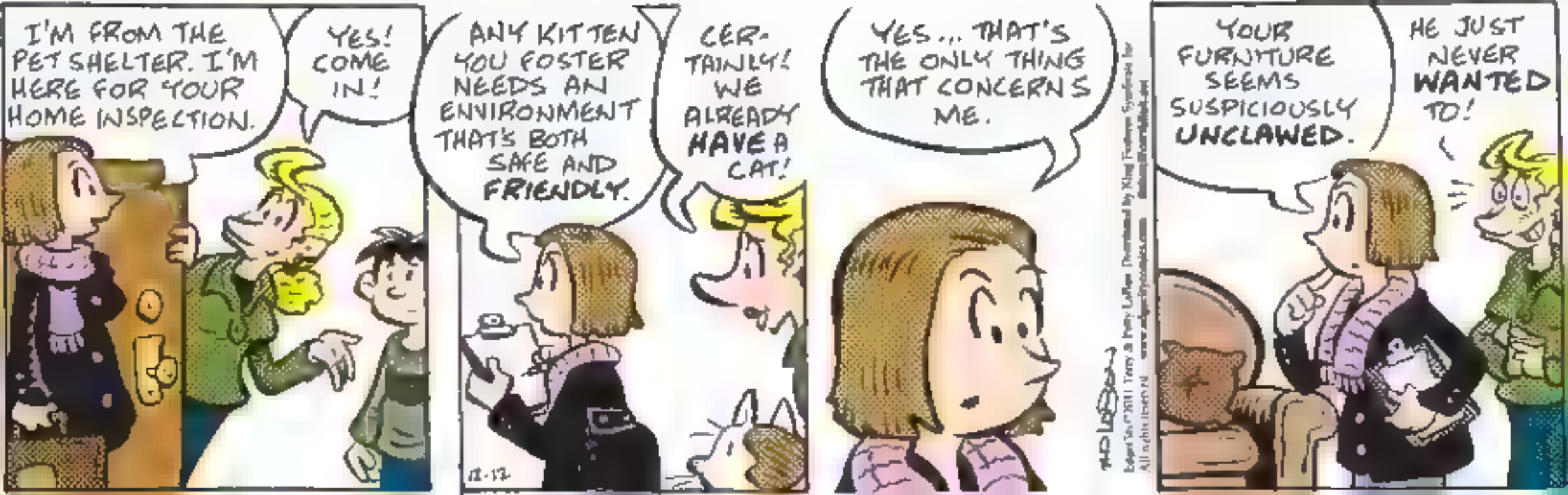

C'MON, KIDS! WE HAVE A CAT-- WE'RE NOT ADOPTING ANOTHER.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO ADOPT, MAYBE YOU COULD FOSTER.
ADOPT A PET
WE NEED FAMILIES TO CARE FOR CATS TEMPORARILY UNTIL SOMEONE ADOPTS THEM.
CAN WE?
I DON'T THINK SO. WE'VE GOTTA GO.
DON'T WORRY-- MOM'LL PUSH IT THROUGH.
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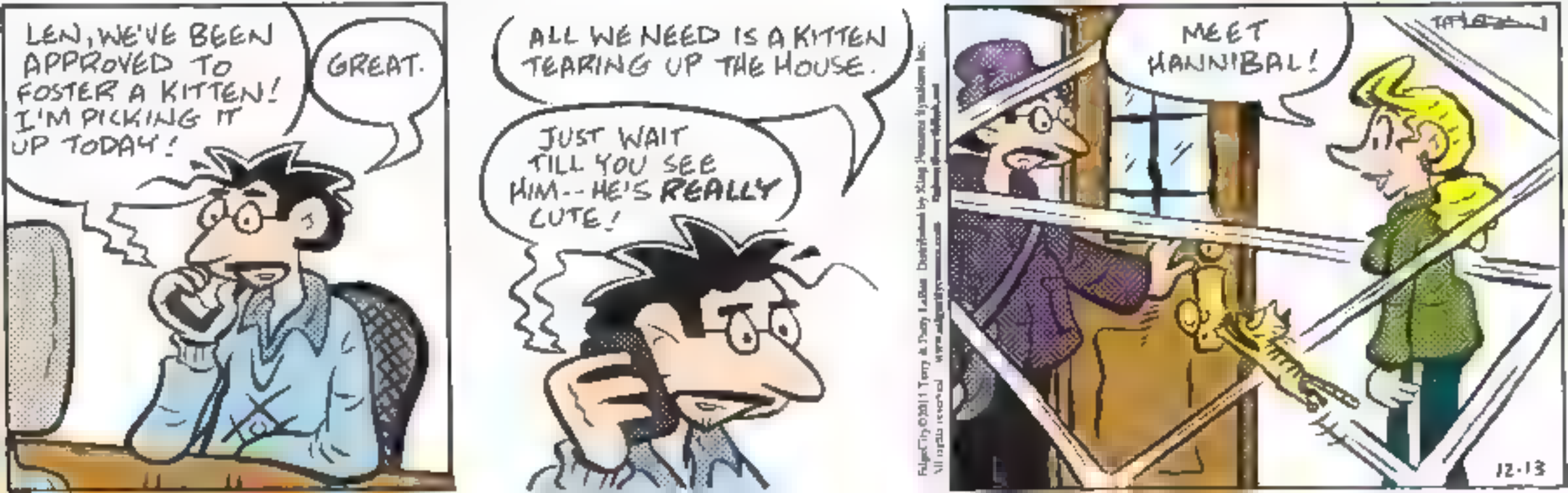

MOM, WE WERE TALKING WITH SOMEONE ABOUT FOSTERING CATS.
WE CAN GIVE THEM A HOME UNTIL SOMEONE ADOPTS THEM.
THAT'S AN INTERESTING IDEA. IT'D BE A GOOD THING TO DO.
WHAT DOES DAD THINK ABOUT IT?
WHO CARES?


THE KIDS TOLD ME YOU SPOKE TO SOMEONE ABOUT FOSTERING A CAT.
YEAH. I SAID NO.
ARE YOU SURE? I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE. IT'D BE A GREAT THING TO DO!
I DON'T WANT ANOTHER CAT, ABBY!
IT'D JUST BE TILL SOMEONE ADOPTS IT.
THAT COULD BE A LONG TIME!
NOT IF WE GET A REALLY CUTE ONE!

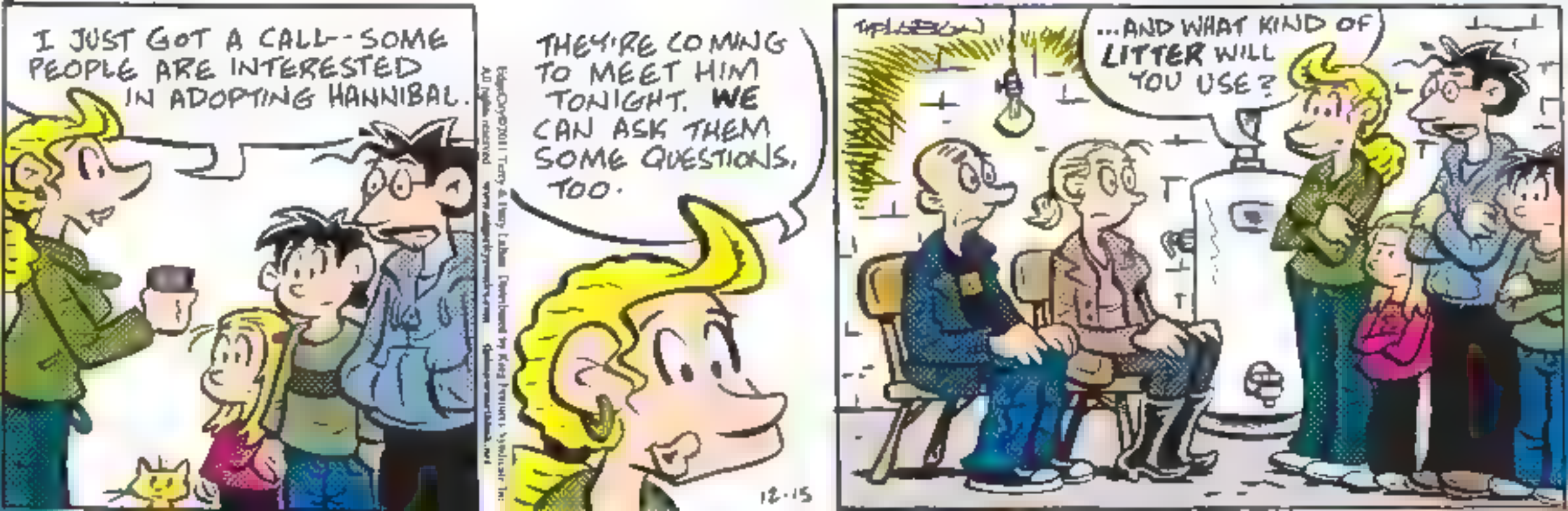

I'M SCHEDULING A HOME INSPECTION SO WE CAN GET APPROVED TO FOSTER A KITTEN.
WHAT?
WE CAN'T TAKE CARE OF A STRAY CAT TILL THEY INSPECT OUR HOUSE? THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
JUST TELL ME IF YOU'LL BE AROUND THURSDAY EVENING.
12-10
NO-- I HAVE A LATE MEETING THAT NIGHT.
THEN THAT'LL BE PERFECT.

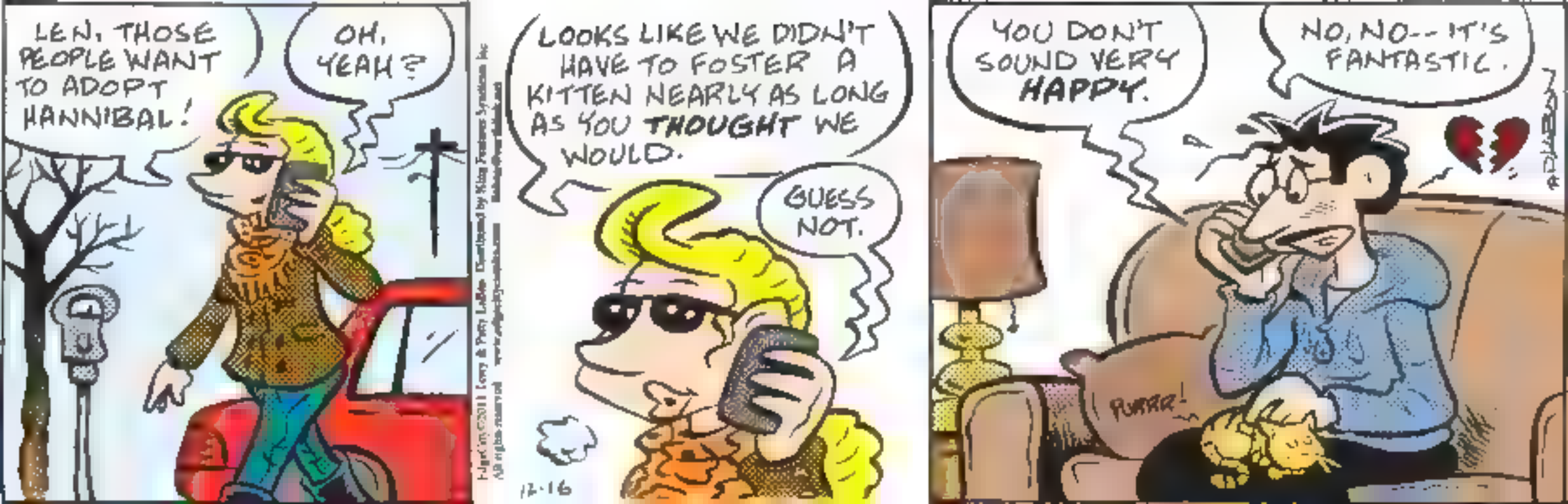

DARN IT--I NEED TO RUN OUT AND GET SOME MILK.
I LOOK A MESS, BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO CHANGE.
SO WHAT? WHO CARES WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE?
WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE STORE?
FAST MART
EXCUSE ME, MA'AM!
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT A 10-MILLION-DOLLAR LOTTERY TICKET WAS SOLD YESTERDAY AT THIS STORE?
OH... GREAT!
SAW YOU ON THE NEWS LAST NIGHT.

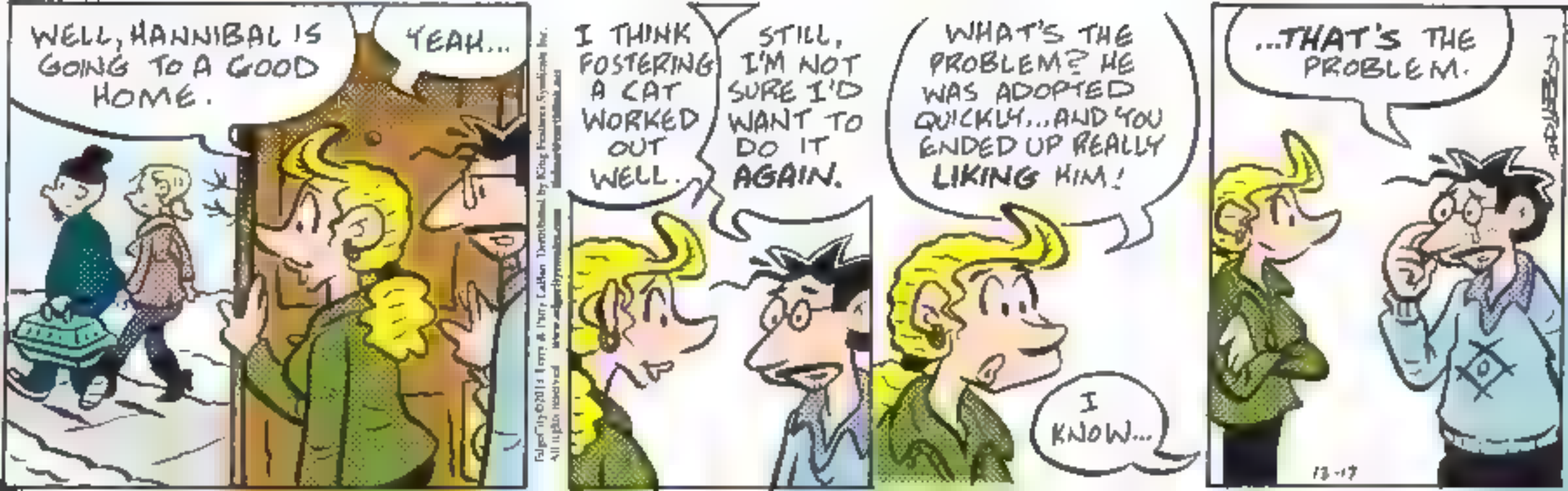

I'M FROM THE PET SHELTER. I'M HERE FOR YOUR HOME INSPECTION.
YES! COME IN!
ANY KITTEN YOU FOSTER NEEDS AN ENVIRONMENT THAT'S BOTH SAFE AND FRIENDLY.
CER-TAINLY! WE ALREADY HAVE A CAT!
11-12
YES... THAT'S THE ONLY THING THAT CONCERNS ME.
YOUR FURNITURE SEEMS SUSPICIOUSLY UNCLAWED.
HE JUST NEVER WANTED TO!

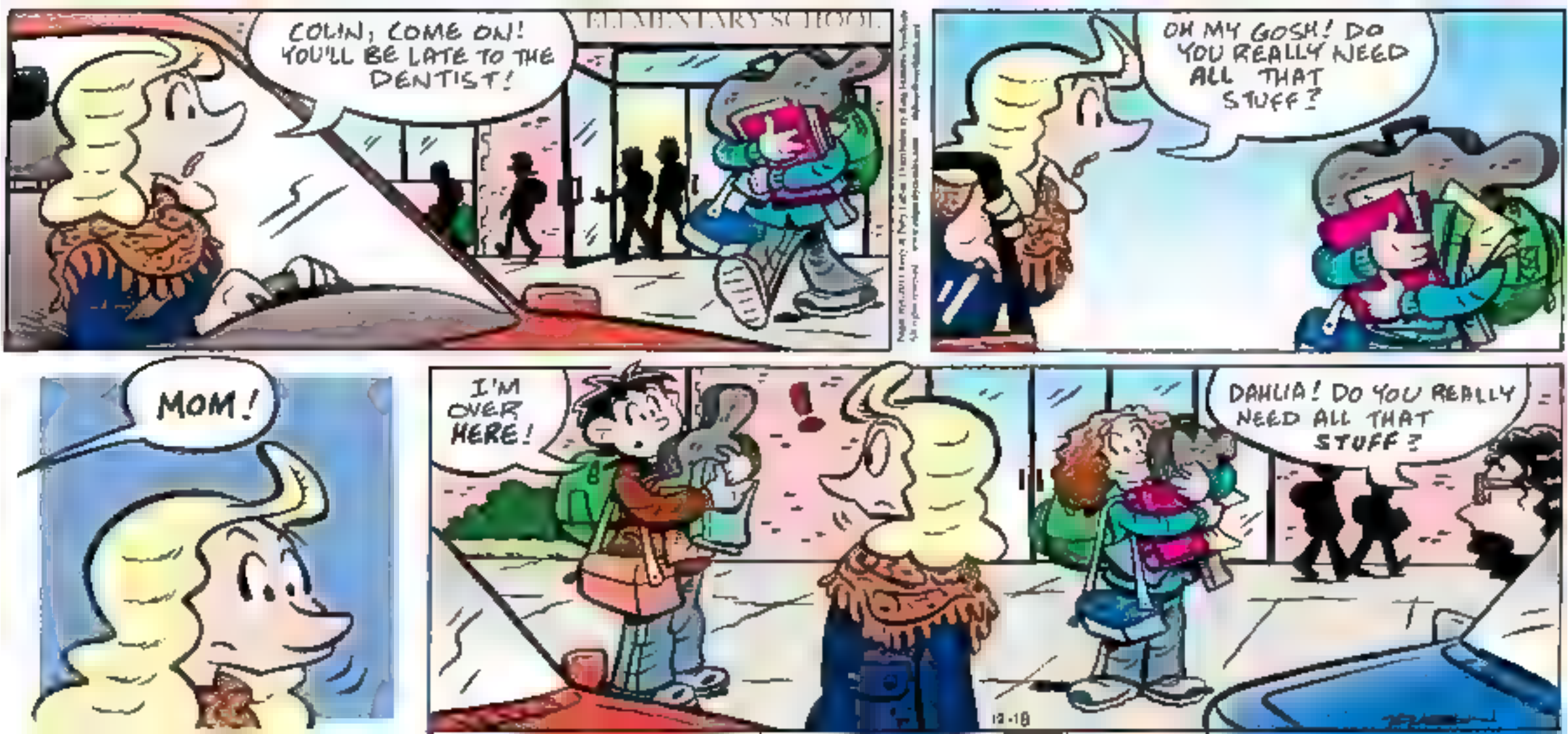

LEN, WE'VE BEEN APPROVED TO FOSTER A KITTEN! I'M PICKING IT UP TODAY!
GREAT.
ALL WE NEED IS A KITTEN TEARING UP THE HOUSE.
JUST WAIT TILL YOU SEE HIM--HE'S REALLY CUTE!
MEET HANNIBAL!
12-13

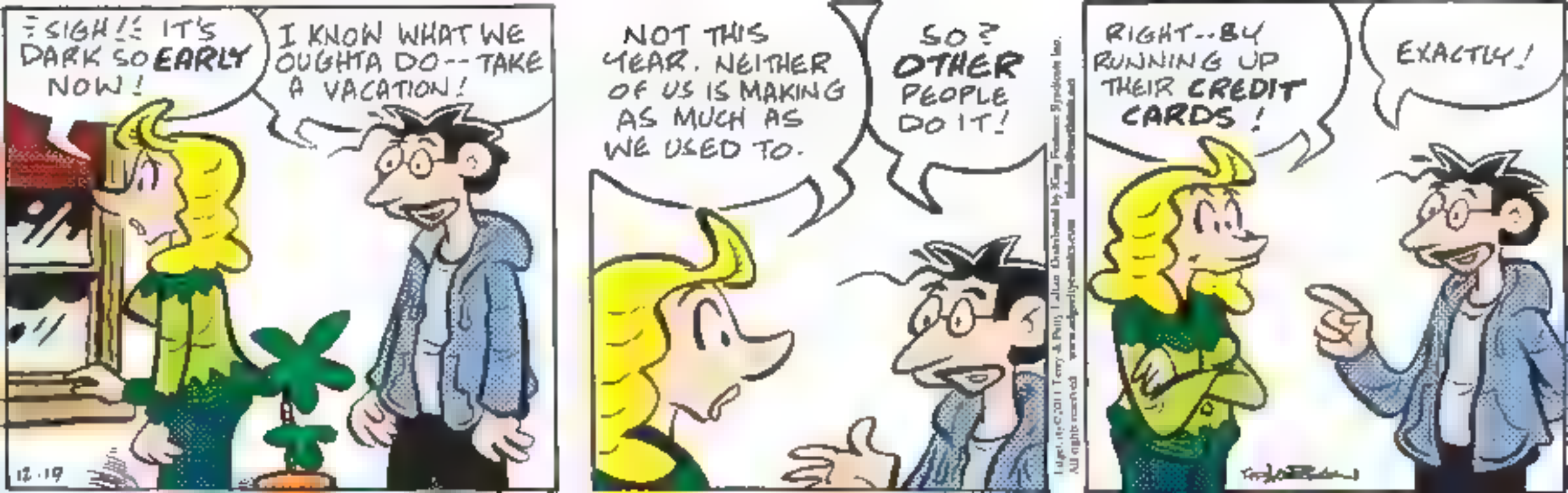

DARN IT! WHY DID I AGREE TO FOSTER A KITTEN?
EVERYWHERE I LOOK I SEE TIPPED-OVER PLANTS, SPILLED WATER, CLAWED FURNITURE... IT'S A NIGHTMARE!
AW...
12-14
PURR!


I JUST GOT A CALL--SOME PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING HANNIBAL.
THEY'RE COMING TO MEET HIM TONIGHT. WE CAN ASK THEM SOME QUESTIONS, TOO.
12-15
...AND WHAT KIND OF LITTER WILL YOU USE?

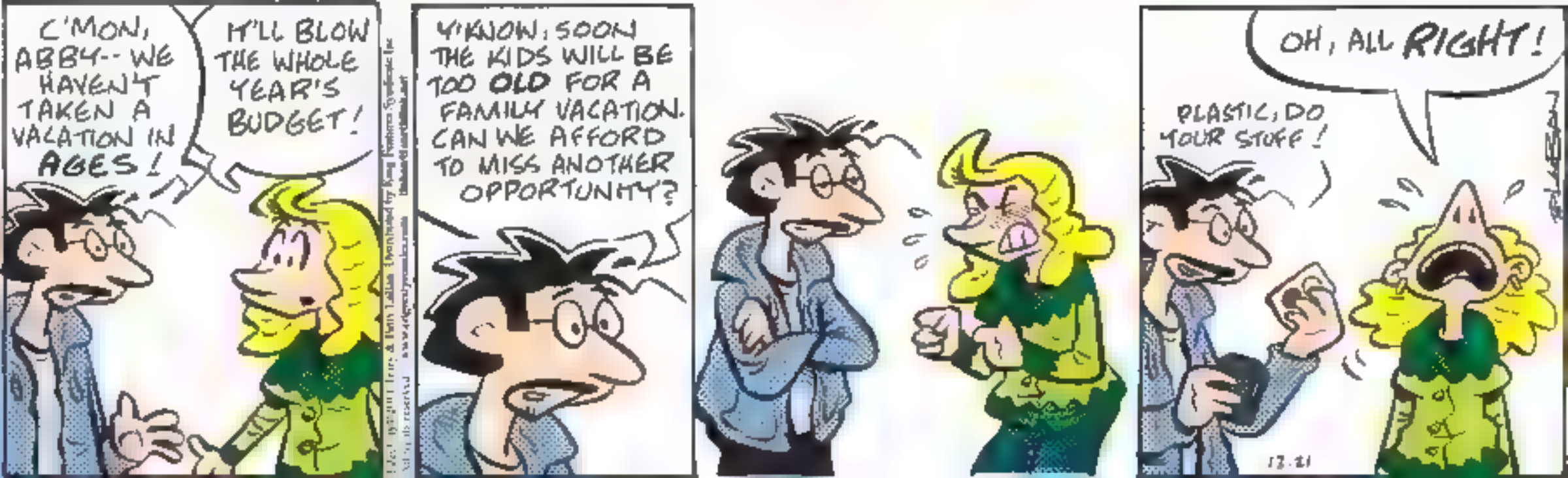

LEN, THOSE PEOPLE WANT TO ADOPT HANNIBAL!
OH, YEAH?
LOOKS LIKE WE DIDN'T HAVE TO FOSTER A KITTEN NEARLY AS LONG AS YOU THOUGHT WE WOULD.
GUESS NOT.
12-16
YOU DON'T SOUND VERY HAPPY.
NO, NO-- IT'S FANTASTIC.
PURRR!


WELL, HANNIBAL IS GOING TO A GOOD HOME.
YEAH...
I THINK FOSTERING A CAT WORKED OUT WELL.
STILL, I'M NOT SURE I'D WANT TO DO IT AGAIN.
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? HE WAS ADOPTED QUICKLY...AND YOU ENDED UP REALLY LIKING HIM!
I KNOW...
...THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
12-17

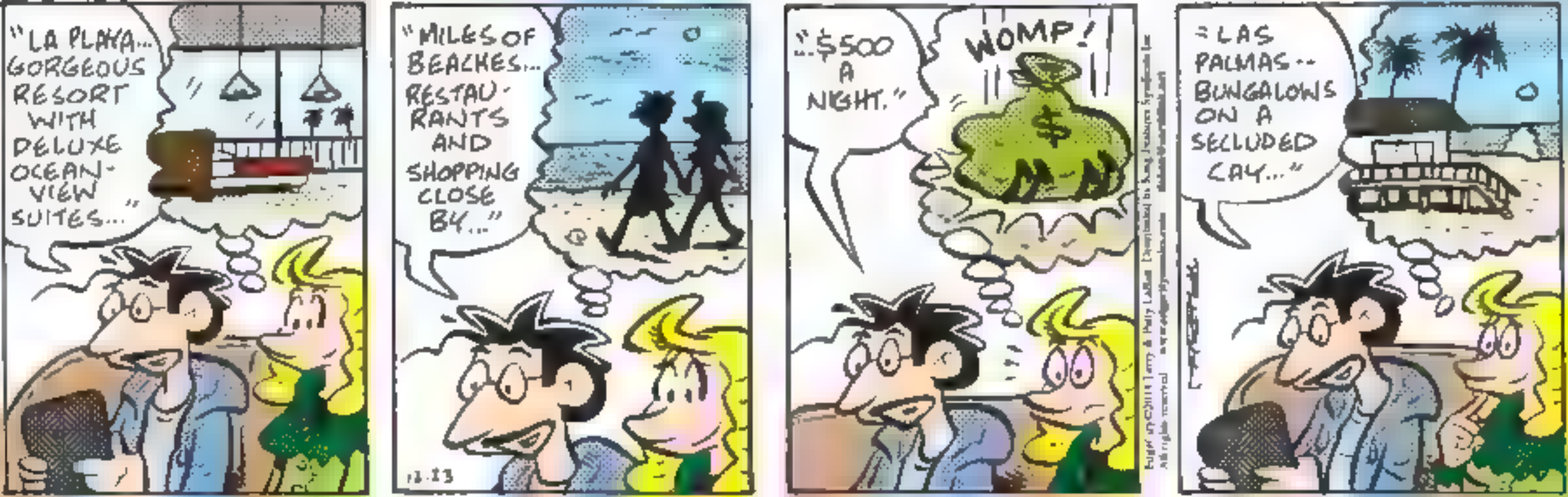

COLIN, COME ON! YOU'LL BE LATE TO THE DENTIST!
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
OH MY GOSH! DO YOU REALLY NEED ALL THAT STUFF?
MOM!
I'M OVER HERE!
DAHLIA! DO YOU REALLY NEED ALL THAT STUFF?
12-18

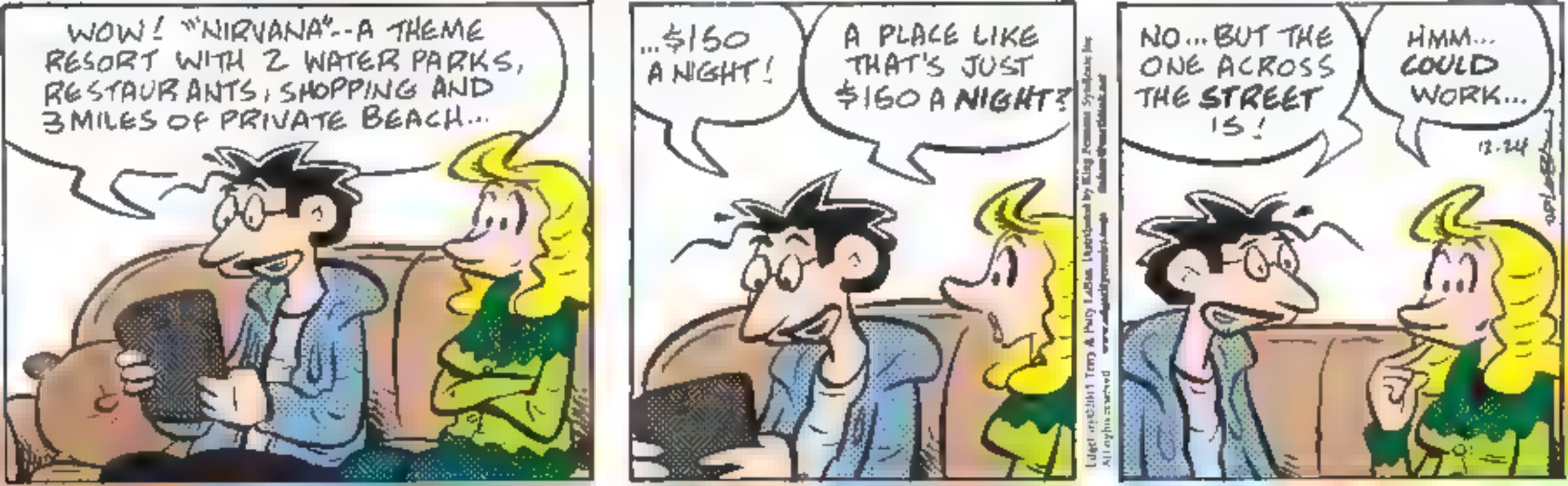

SIGH!= IT'S DARK SO EARLY NOW!
I KNOW WHAT WE OUGHTA DO--TAKE A VACATION!
12.19
NOT THIS YEAR. NEITHER OF US IS MAKING AS MUCH AS WE USED TO.
SO? OTHER PEOPLE DO IT!
RIGHT--BY RUNNING UP THEIR CREDIT CARDS!
EXACTLY!

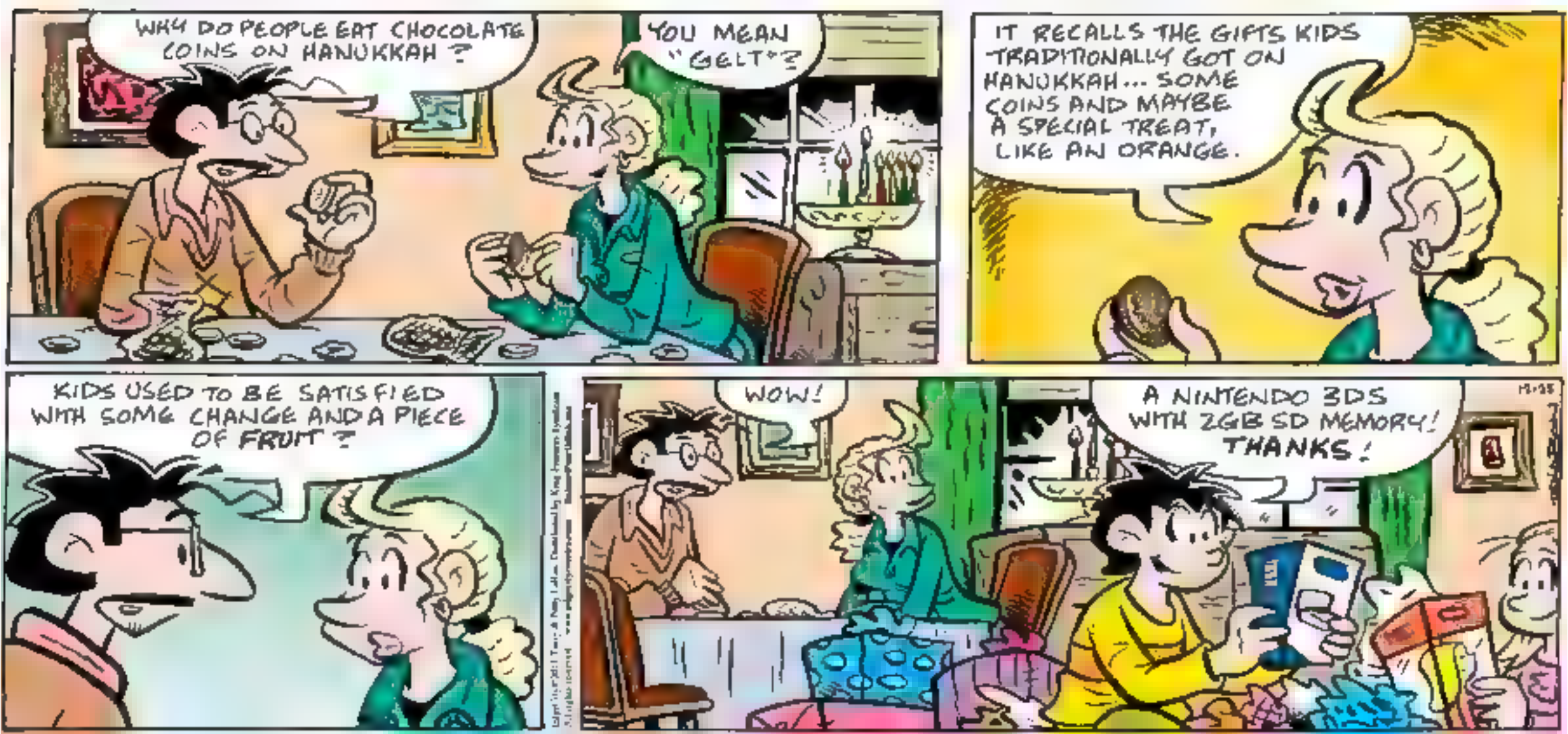

LEN, A VACATION WOULD BE NICE. BUT IT'S NOT IN THE BUDGET.
SO? WE'LL USE OUR CREDIT CARDS.
DON'T BE SO UPTIGHT, ABBY. IT'D JUST BE A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS.
12-20
PLUS 18%!
OUR CREDIT RATING IS STRONG--IT CAN TAKE IT!

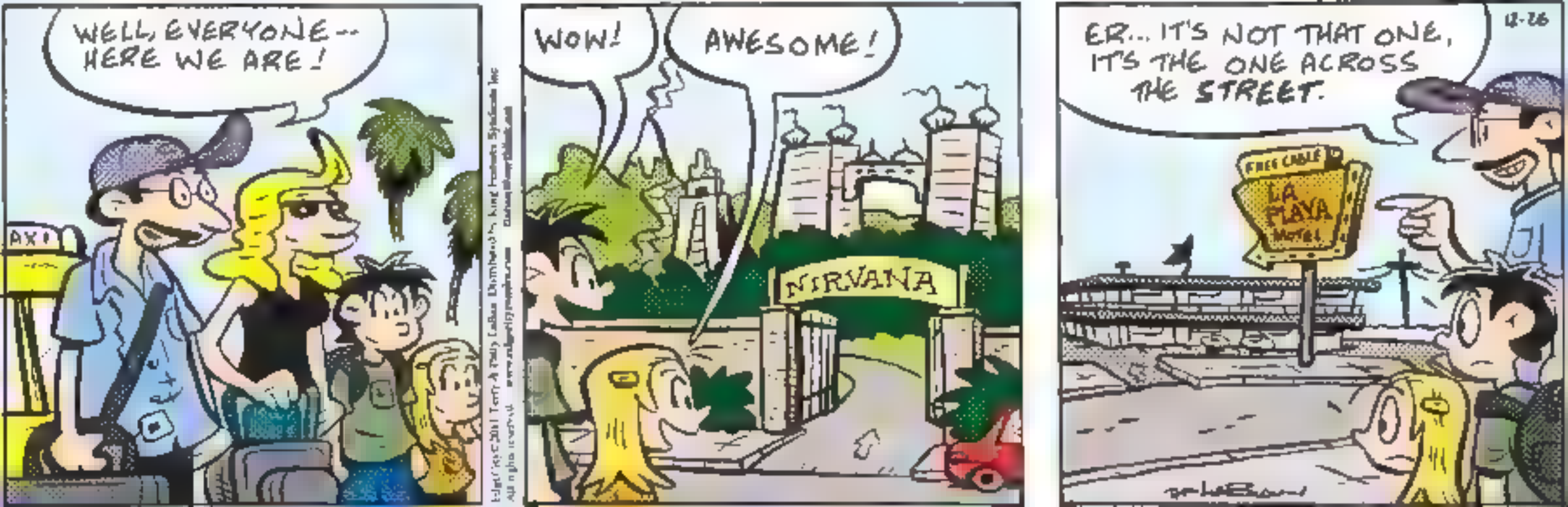

C'MON, ABBY-- WE HAVEN'T TAKEN A VACATION IN AGES!
M'LL BLOW THE WHOLE YEAR'S BUDGET!
Y'KNOW: SOON THE KIDS WILL BE TOO OLD FOR A FAMILY VACATION. CAN WE AFFORD TO MISS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY?
OH, ALL RIGHT!
PLASTIC, DO YOUR STUFF!
12-21

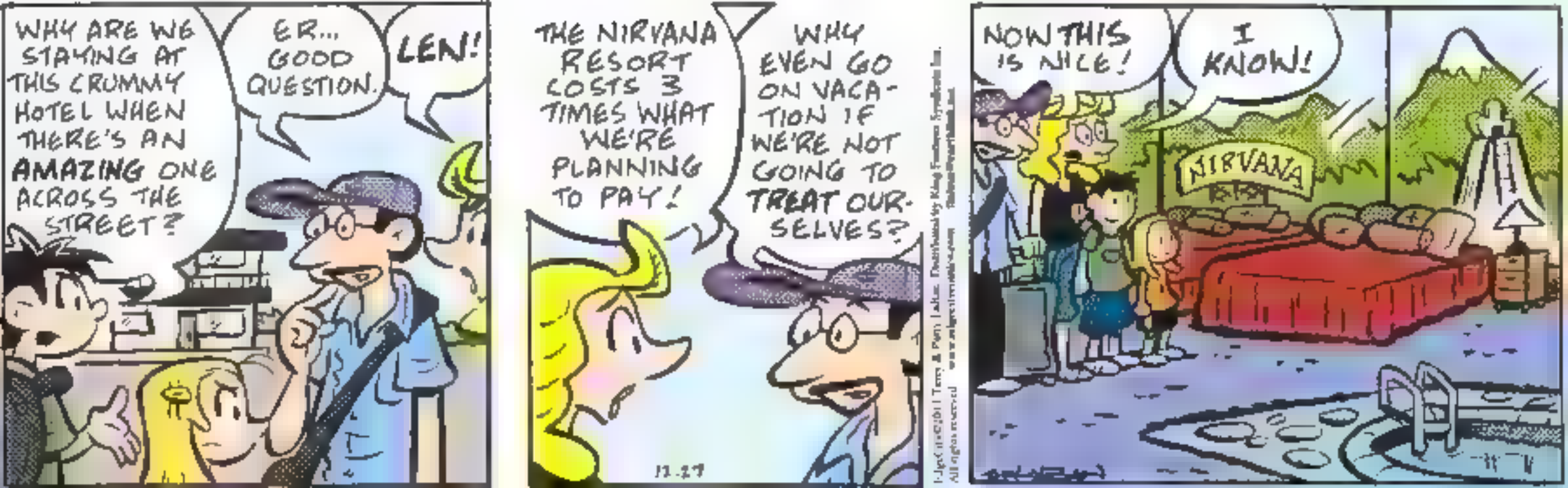

KIDS, DAD AND I HAVE BEEN THINKING...
WE'D LIKE TO GIVE THE FAMILY ONE BIG HANUKKAH PRESENT THIS YEAR.. A TROPICAL VACATION!
12-22
WOW!
THAT SOUNDS AWESOME!
BUT WE STILL GET OUR REGULAR HANUKKAH PRESENTS, RIGHT?


"LA PLAYA... GORGEOUS RESORT WITH DELUXE OCEAN-VIEW SUITES..."
"MILES OF BEACHES... RESTAU-RANTS AND SHOPPING CLOSE BY..."
12.13
"...$500 A NIGHT."
WOMP!
"LAS PALMAS... BUNGALOWS ON A SECLUDED CAY..."


WOW! "NIRVANA"--A THEME RESORT WITH 2 WATER PARKS, RESTAURANTS, SHOPPING AND 3 MILES OF PRIVATE BEACH...
...$150 A NIGHT!
A PLACE LIKE THAT'S JUST $160 A NIGHT?
NO... BUT THE ONE ACROSS THE STREET IS!
HMM... COULD WORK...
12-24


WHY DO PEOPLE EAT CHOCOLATE COINS ON HANUKKAH?
YOU MEAN "GELT"?
IT RECALLS THE GIFTS KIDS TRADITIONALLY GOT ON HANUKKAH... SOME COINS AND MAYBE A SPECIAL TREAT, LIKE AN ORANGE.
KIDS USED TO BE SATISFIED WITH SOME CHANGE AND A PIECE OF FRUIT?
WOW!
A NINTENDO 3DS WITH 2GB SD MEMORY! THANKS!

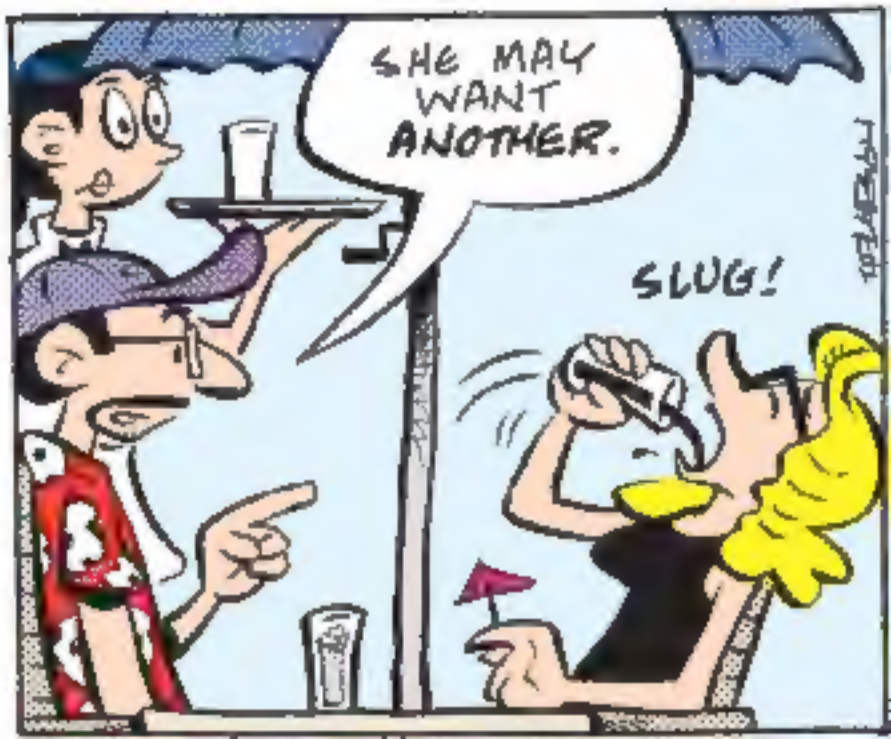

WELL, EVERYONE-- HERE WE ARE!
WOW!
AWESOME!
NIRVANA
ER... IT'S NOT THAT ONE, IT'S THE ONE ACROSS THE STREET.
FREE CABLE
LA PLAYA
MOTEL
12-26

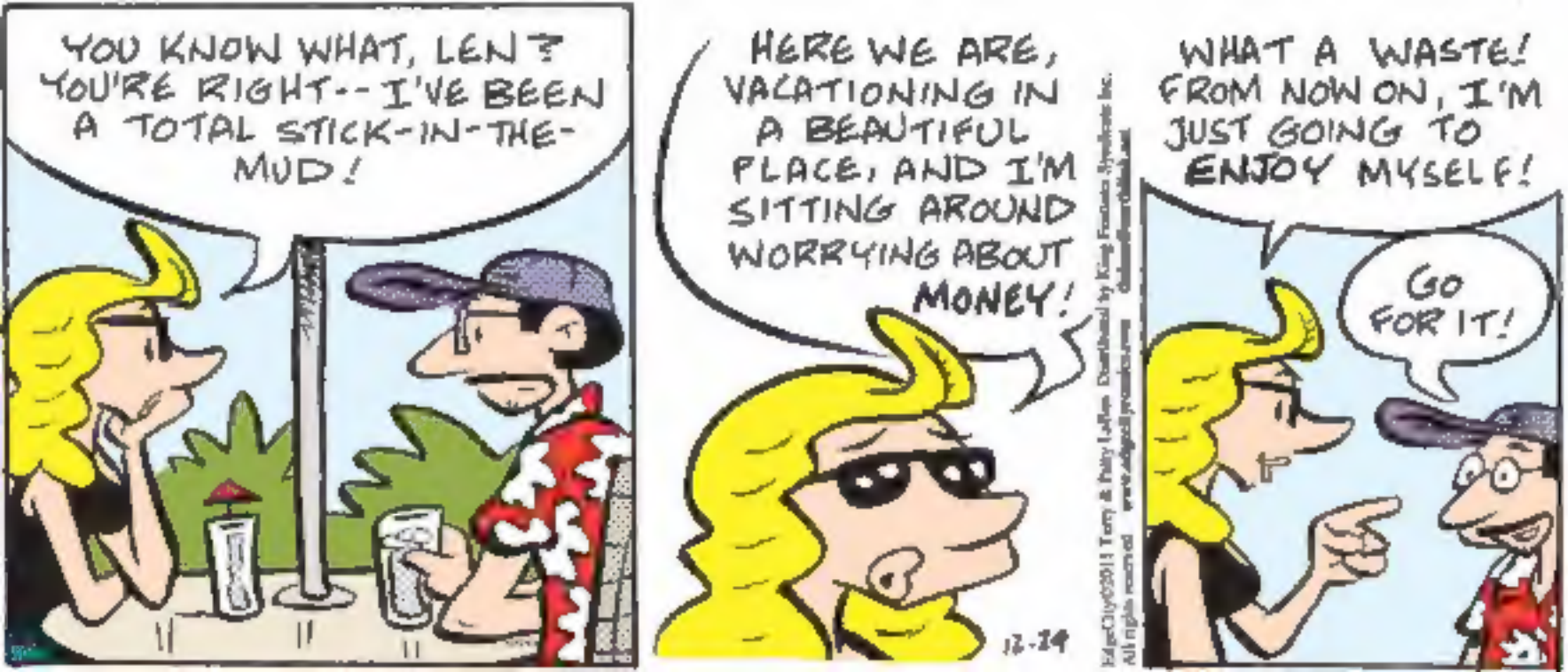

WHY ARE WE STAYING AT THIS CRUMMY HOTEL WHEN THERE'S AN AMAZING ONE ACROSS THE STREET?
ER... GOOD QUESTION.
LEN!
THE NIRVANA RESORT COSTS 3 TIMES WHAT WE'RE PLANNING TO PAY!
WHY EVEN GO ON VACATION IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO TREAT OURSELVES?
11-27
NOW THIS IS NICE!
I KNOW!
NIRVANA

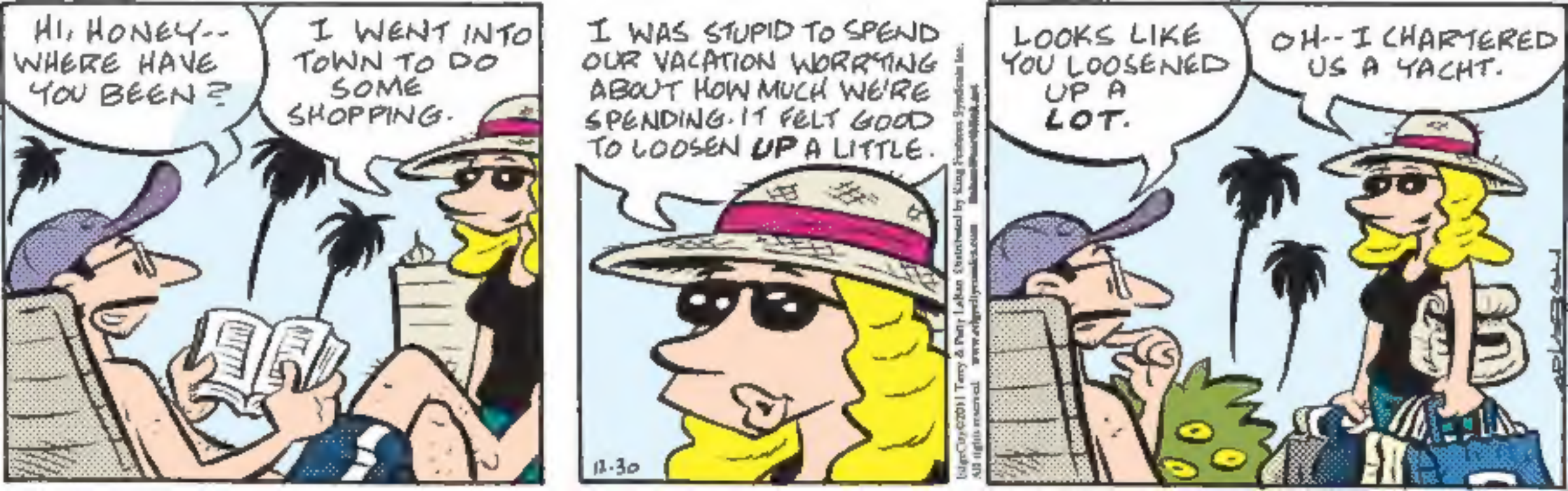


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YOU KNOW WHAT, LEN? YOU'RE RIGHT--I'VE BEEN A TOTAL STICK-IN-THE-MUD!
HERE WE ARE, VACATIONING IN A BEAUTIFUL PLACE, AND I'M SITTING AROUND WORRYING ABOUT MONEY!
12-14
WHAT A WASTE! FROM NOW ON, I'M JUST GOING TO ENJOY MYSELF!
GO FOR IT!
SHOP
GAS
SAL


HI, HONEY-- WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
I WENT INTO TOWN TO DO SOME SHOPPING.
I WAS STUPID TO SPEND OUR VACATION WORRYING ABOUT HOW MUCH WE'RE SPENDING. IT FELT GOOD TO LOOSEN UP A LITTLE.
12-30
LOOKS LIKE YOU LOOSENED UP A LOT.
OH-- I CHARTERED US A YACHT.


OH MY GOSH!
WHAT'S WRONG?
12-31
IT'S THE CREDIT CARD BILL FOR OUR VACATION!
WHOA... IT IS A LOT!
BUT IT WAS WORTH EVERY PENNY! DON'T WORRY--WE'LL FIND A WAY TO PAY FOR IT!
WADDAYA MEAN IT'S NOT A REAL ROLEX?!
PAWN